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I. ACHIEVING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

The *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999: Annual Report* is the second in a series of annual reports from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department). This report, prepared in accordance with section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 (provided in appendix A), presents data pertaining to the performance of States with respect to a national set of child welfare outcomes. Developed by the Department in consultation with State child welfare agency representatives and other experts in the field, the outcomes reflect widely accepted performance objectives for child welfare practice. The outcomes are:

- Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect,
- Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care,
- Increase permanency for children in foster care,
- Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry,
- Reduce time in foster care to adoption,
- Increase placement stability, and
- Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.

The series of annual reports on child welfare outcomes (Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports) is central to the Department's comprehensive approach to attaining the goals of safety, permanency, and well-being for all children who come into contact with public child welfare systems. The Department's approach promotes practices and policies at the Federal and State levels to ensure that children who are victims of maltreatment are kept safe from future harm, children who enter foster care are returned to their families or placed with appropriate permanent families as quickly as possible, and children in foster care receive the supports and services necessary for positive growth and development.

To reach these goals, the Department has developed several initiatives, each of which supports attainment of the national set of child welfare outcomes. Two initiatives involve assessing and tracking State child welfare system performance relevant to outcomes for children and families and identifying areas where improvements are needed. Other initiatives provide training and technical assistance to State child welfare systems to make the improvements

necessary to attain desired outcomes. A third set of initiatives consists of research and demonstration efforts designed to increase knowledge regarding the child welfare services, practices, and approaches that promote child safety, permanency, and well-being. Additional initiatives promote collaboration between State and local child welfare systems and relevant systems such as law enforcement, juvenile and family courts, health, and mental health. The purpose of these initiatives is to enhance the development of joint efforts aimed at achieving safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. This chapter provides a discussion of how these initiatives are related to the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports and how they contribute to achieving the Department's goals of child safety, permanency, and well-being.

Assessing and Tracking State Child Welfare Agency Performance

The Department's initiatives designed to assess and track the performance of State child welfare agencies are the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports and the Child and Family Service (CFS) reviews. These efforts reflect the focus of the U.S. Congress and the Department on outcomes for children and families and on establishing accountability from public child welfare agencies for achieving those outcomes.

Data to support these initiatives come from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). AFCARS and NCANDS represent Federal efforts to collect and disseminate comprehensive and consistent national information pertaining to child welfare. NCANDS data are used to prepare national and State portraits of child maltreatment and child protective services that are published annually. Highlights from the most recent publication, *Child Maltreatment 1999: 10 Years of Reporting*, are presented in appendix B of this report.

The Department uses AFCARS data to prepare both 6-month and annual summaries of information pertaining to children in foster care (from the AFCARS Foster Care Database) and children who are adopted (from the

AFCARS Adoption Database). Reports using AFCARS data are available on the Department's Web site (<http://acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/dis/afcars/cwstats>). The 1999 AFCARS Report (Report # 6) is provided in appendix C. AFCARS and NCANDS data also are used for the outcome measures and context information presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports and for many of the CFS review statewide data indicators.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports use NCANDS and AFCARS data to provide information about the performance of State child welfare systems on 12 measures that assess attainment of the 7 national child welfare outcomes. (See appendix D for the list of national outcomes and measures.) The reports also present data on several context variables relevant to each State's child welfare system to enhance interpretation of outcome data. For example, data for each State are provided for the number of children under age 18, the percentage of children living in poverty, the number of maltreatment victims, the numbers of children entering and exiting foster care in a given year, and the number of children adopted. Data also are provided on the age and race/ethnicity of maltreatment victims, children in foster care, and children who have been adopted through the public child welfare system.

Because the reports are published annually, they permit an observation of trends in performance over time. However, for the first few annual reports, changes in data over time must be interpreted cautiously because they may reflect changes in data quality rather than in State child welfare system performance. As data for the outcome measures continue to improve in quality, changes in data from one year to the next can be interpreted with greater confidence.

Although the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports allow the Department to track State child welfare agency performance on key outcome measures, the data by themselves do not permit a comprehensive understanding and assessment of State child welfare agency operations or the changes that may be needed to improve outcomes for children and families. This is the role of the Department's CFS reviews, which were developed in response to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-66). Public Law 103-66 authorized the Department to review State child and family service programs in order to assess compliance with the State plan requirements set forth in titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act).

The CFS reviews are designed to assist States in assessing and improving their child welfare service systems through the identification of their strengths and needs. The

reviews examine the functioning of a State's entire child welfare system by collecting and analyzing information across the range of funding streams and programs that States have in place. The goal is to identify the results that State child welfare systems are achieving for children and families in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being, and the elements that promote the attainment of desired results.

To establish a structure for assessing State performance under the CFS review process, the Department selected six outcome measures from those included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports and developed national standards for these measures. Appendix E presents the Department's Information Memorandum (IM) regarding the standards and the basis for their calculation. The criteria for determining a State's substantial conformity under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act through the CFS reviews include the State's performance on these six outcome measures relative to the national standards, along with information collected from case record reviews, stakeholder interviews, and other sources that the State provides. The selected outcome measures for which national standards were established are as follows:

- **Outcome measure:** Recurrence of maltreatment (1.1)
Standard: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the period under review, **6.1 percent or fewer** children had another substantiated or indicated report within 6 months.
- **Outcome measure:** Maltreatment in foster care (2.1)
Standard: Of all children in foster care in the State during the period under review, **0.57 percent or fewer** were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member.
- **Outcome measure:** Time to reunification (4.1)
Standard: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, **76.2 percent or more** were reunified in fewer than 12 months from the time of latest removal from the home.
- **Outcome measure:** Children re-entering foster care (4.2)
Standard: Of all children who entered foster care during the year under review, **8.6 percent or fewer** re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode.

- **Outcome measure:** Time to adoption (5.1)
Standard: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption during the year under review, **32 percent or more** exited foster care in fewer than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from the home.
- **Outcome measure:** Placement stability (6.1)
Standard: Of all children who have been in foster care for less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from the home, **86.7 percent or more** have had no more than two placement settings.

The first 17 CFS reviews will take place in fiscal year (FY) 2001. Additional information about the schedule for CFS reviews is available in appendix F. As information from the reviews becomes available, relevant findings will be incorporated into the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports to enhance interpretation of data and, where possible, provide explanations for a State's high or low performance on the outcome measures, as required in Section 203(a) of ASFA.

Training and Technical Assistance Initiatives

The Department's efforts to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of all children served by child welfare systems are supported by its training and technical assistance (T/TA) network, described in appendix G. Three of the Department's T/TA initiatives focus on improving the quality of data reported to NCANDS and AFCARS. High-quality data are critical to a meaningful assessment of the success of State child welfare systems in attaining desired outcomes for children. The Department contracts with a private firm to provide technical assistance to States regarding the reporting of data to NCANDS and to collect and analyze NCANDS data. The National Resource Center for Information Technology in Child Welfare provides assistance to States in collecting and reporting their data to AFCARS. Technical assistance to States pertaining to AFCARS also is provided as part of the Department's periodic AFCARS reviews.

Other Department initiatives assist State, local, and tribal child welfare agencies in improving child outcomes by providing T/TA in establishing effective policies and practices. For example,

- States seeking to improve their efforts to achieve permanency for children in a timely manner can access the National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning.

- States interested in reducing the recurrence of substantiated child maltreatment can obtain T/TA from the National Resource Center on Child Maltreatment regarding effective risk assessment tools and procedures, or from the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Family-Centered Practice for information on effective family preservation and support services.
- Technical assistance relevant to increasing and supporting adoptions is available from the National Resource Center on Special Needs Adoptions.

In addition, assistance on a wide range of topics is offered by two child welfare-related clearinghouses operated by the Department – the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse.

The Department also operates the Child Welfare Training Program, a discretionary grant program that awards funds to institutions of higher learning to implement training efforts for personnel who work (or plan to work) in the child welfare field. In FY 1999, a cluster of grants was awarded for training child welfare personnel to develop child-focused intervention skills. Training grants funded in FY 1998 support efforts to train child welfare personnel in practices designed to prevent the recurrence of child abuse and neglect and re-entries into foster care. This focus reflects two of the national outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports.

Increasing Knowledge Regarding Effective Practices

The assistance provided to States by the Department's T/TA network reflects state-of-the-art, evidence-based knowledge regarding effective child welfare practices and approaches. This knowledge is derived from current research on child welfare including evaluations of child welfare programs, policies, and service models. The Department supports the proliferation of evidence-based knowledge through a variety of programs administered by the Children's Bureau. One program is the title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Program, authorized under section 1130 of the Act, which was amended by ASFA. The statute gives the Department the authority to grant waivers from certain requirements of titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act to up to 10 States each year. An interested State submits an application to the Department requesting a waiver of these requirements in order to implement an intervention or a service delivery approach that is expected to be cost-neutral and produce positive outcomes for children and families. If

the Department approves the application, the State can implement the initiative for up to 5 years. States approved for a waiver are required to conduct a methodologically rigorous evaluation to test the effectiveness of their model. This requirement is intended to ensure that evaluation information will be a useful resource for the field and for future development of innovative State and Federal child welfare policies and practices. Currently, 19 States and the District of Columbia participate in the Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Program, with some States implementing more than one project.

The Department also supports the development of evidence-based knowledge about effective child welfare practices and policies through the Adoption Opportunities Program (AOP). This program, authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, awards grants to public and private non-profit agencies and organizations in an effort to (1) eliminate jurisdictional and legal obstacles to adoption, (2) promote quality standards for all adoption-related services, and (3) demonstrate expeditious ways to free children for adoption when adoption has been determined to be the most appropriate case goal. The most recent AOP funding initiative stressed the importance of evaluation and directed applicants to assess outcomes that are consistent with the national child welfare outcomes whenever possible. Information relevant to improving child welfare practices also is provided by the Department's Abandoned Infants Demonstration Program initiative and by various initiatives funded under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

To enhance knowledge about the children and families served by child welfare systems, the Department funds several basic research efforts. One recent Department-funded research project is the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (authorized under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, section 429A [Public Law 104-193]). This research effort is designed to generate information on the characteristics of children and families who come into contact with child welfare systems, the pathways and services that these children and families experience, and their short- and longer-term outcomes. The study findings are expected to provide information that child welfare systems can use to improve their services and policies with respect to attaining the goals of child safety, permanency, and well-being.

Developing Collaborations with Other Systems

The ability of a State child welfare system to attain outcomes related to child safety, permanency, and well-being is significantly affected by the functioning of many other State and local service systems. Child welfare systems are dependent upon the operations of juvenile or family courts, juvenile justice systems, law enforcement agencies, health and mental health service systems, and substance abuse treatment systems. Even public agencies responsible for housing have an impact on child welfare operations because the availability of safe housing for low-income families often affects whether children can be maintained safely in their homes.

The Department operates numerous initiatives designed to promote collaboration between child welfare and other relevant systems. As part of the Department's T/TA network, the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Family-Centered Practice provides assistance to State child welfare agencies in forging the collaborations necessary to ensure optimal services to families that come into contact with the child welfare system. The National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement assists State child welfare agencies in developing plans for collaborating with other State and community agencies in preparation for the CFS reviews. In addition, the Court Improvement Program, a demonstration initiative authorized under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-66) and re-authorized by ASFA for FYs 1999-2001, is intended to decrease the recurrence of maltreatment and expedite permanency for all children in foster care by encouraging the courts, child welfare agencies, and other relevant parties to develop and implement a joint agenda for change.

The Department itself collaborates with other Federal agencies to support State and local level collaboration. For example, the Department collaborates with the U.S. Department of Justice to fund projects that focus on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment to enhance the safety and well-being of battered women and their children. The Department also has established an interagency agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support implementation of the Department's recommendations pertaining to child protection and substance abuse, and with the Center for Mental Health Services to support child welfare activities conducted by the center's TA providers.

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Although the various departmental initiatives discussed in this chapter are funded under different programs and congressional acts, and were implemented at different times over the past decade, they have come together as integral parts of the Department's comprehensive approach to achieving the outcomes of child safety, permanency, and well-being for all children served by the Nation's child welfare systems. The Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports are at the core of this approach because they permit an assessment of whether child welfare systems are achieving success with respect to these outcomes.

The *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999: Annual Report* presents data for 1998 and 1999 on the performance of individual State child welfare systems with respect to the existing set of national outcomes pertaining to child safety and permanency, and information on some key contextual factors relevant to understanding performance on the outcomes. Chapter II provides a discussion of the current report, how it differs from the prior report, and plans for future reports. In chapter III, the key findings and implications of these findings for assessing State performance are explored. Chapter IV provides the child welfare context and outcome data for each State.

Child Welfare Outcomes 1999: Annual Report differs from the prior report with respect to changes that have been made to some outcome measures and improvements in data quality and quantity. The changes and improvements reflected in the current report, as well as additional changes planned for the future, are discussed in this chapter.

Current Changes and Future Plans Relevant to Outcomes and Measures

The principles guiding the development of the national child welfare outcomes and measures were described in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* and are presented in appendix H of this report. The changes pertaining to the outcome measures for *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999* are consistent with these principles and were made to enhance the clarity of the data. The changes, and the reasons why they were made, are presented below.

• **Child Welfare Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect**

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?

The time frame for this measure for both 1998 and 1999 has been changed from 12 months (as presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*) to 6 months. This change was made so that the data for measure 1.1 depict actual maltreatment recurrence rather than estimates of recurrence, which were required for the 12-month assessment period. The change is supported by research indicating that most of the maltreatment recurrence during the first 12 months after a substantiated maltreatment report takes place within the first 6 months.¹

• **Child Welfare Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care.**

Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member?

Prior to 1999, only a few States provided data on substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member. Consequently, data for this outcome measure do not appear in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*. The reporting period for the measure is January 1 to September 30 (9 months) for both 1998 and 1999. The numerator reflects data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) on children who were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member during the 9-month period, and the denominator reflects data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) on the number of children served in foster care for that period.

• **Child Welfare Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care**

Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

In the prior report, measure 3.3 assessed exits to permanency for children who entered foster care at 12 years of age or older. In the current report, the measure assesses exits to permanency for children who were older than 12 years of age when they entered foster care. This change was made to promote consistency with other outcome measures that grouped 12-year-old children with younger rather than older children.

• **Child Welfare Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption**

Measure 5.2, which assesses time to adoption for children who are aged 3 years or older at the time of entry into foster care, has been eliminated from the national set of outcome measures.

Measure 5.2 was initially included in the outcome measures in response to a research finding that children who enter foster care at age 3 or older tend to spend more time in foster care before a finalized adoption than children who enter at younger ages. Because this research finding was not replicated in the AFCARS data for 1998 or 1999, the

¹ Fluke, J., Yuan, Y., and Edwards, M. (1999). Recurrence of maltreatment: an application of the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 23 (7), 633-650.
DePanfilis, D., and Zuravin, S. (1998). Rates, patterns, and frequency of child maltreatment recurrences among families known to CPS. *Child Maltreatment*, 3(1), 27-42.

measure was dropped. However, as more information becomes available regarding the relationship of age at entry and time to adoption, another measure related to age may be developed and incorporated into the national set of outcome measures.

Future Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports are expected to incorporate additional outcomes and measures. The Department has enlisted the advisory board of the National Resource Center for Information Technology in Child Welfare and other experts in the field as consultants in identifying new safety and child well-being outcomes and measures that could be added to the current set. The Department also plans to include information about child well-being outcomes in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports as this information becomes available from the Child and Family Services (CFS) reviews.

In addition to changes in outcome measures, Child Welfare Outcomes 1999 provides AFCARS and NCANDS data for the same years—1998 and 1999. Because reporting to AFCARS is done on a fiscal year basis, and reporting to NCANDS is done on a calendar year basis, at the time of the first report, 1998 data for NCANDS were not available. Consequently, the maltreatment information presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was from calendar year 1997, and the data for foster care and adoption were from FY 1998. NCANDS 1997 data have been dropped from the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports because only a few States were participating in the NCANDS Detailed Case Date Component (DCDC) at that time.

Current Changes and Future Plans Relevant to Data Quantity and Quality

Child Welfare Outcomes 1999 reflects considerable improvements over the prior report with respect to data quantity and quality. Because calculating the outcome measures requires data on multiple AFCARS and NCANDS data elements, many States did not have sufficient data for the outcome measures in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*. (The specific data elements of AFCARS and NCANDS pertaining to the national set of child welfare outcome measures are provided in appendix I.) However, as States have become more cognizant of the data requirements for calculating the measures, the quantity of available data has increased. A listing of States that reported data for each of the context variables and outcome measures is available in appendix J.

For FY 1999, between 45 and 49 States (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) provided sufficient AFCARS data for calculating at least 1 of the permanency-related outcome measures, and 41 States provided data for all 10 of these measures. In the prior report, between 36 and 41 States provided sufficient data to calculate at least 1 of these measures, and only 33 States had data for all 10 measures. In addition, the quality of AFCARS data has improved, with fewer missing data and greater data consistency.

There also has been a dramatic increase in the number of States participating in the NCANDS DCDC, a voluntary data reporting system. Data from the NCANDS DCDC are used to compute outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1. Measure 1.1 includes 29 States in 1999 and 22 States in 1998, compared to 15 States in 1997.

The Department expects the quantity and quality of AFCARS and NCANDS data to continue improving. One reason for this expectation is that most States are moving toward, or have achieved, full implementation of their State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). Congress, through the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, provided three years of enhanced Federal funding to States to modernize and expand their data collection capabilities through the design of new and improved SACWIS's. Although the period of enhanced funding has ended, States may still claim 50 percent of their expenditures for SACWIS development as title IV-E administrative costs. Other reasons for the Department's optimism regarding continued data improvements are the AFCARS review process, the availability of technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Information Technology in Child Welfare, and the initiation of the CFS reviews in 2001.

Allowing States to review and comment on their data prior to publication of the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports has fostered improved data quality and quantity. Child welfare agency administrators and data managers were sent their initial data pages for *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999* prior to publication and were notified that their comments would be included with their data pages in the report. The State data pages were accompanied by a document identifying issues pertaining to the State's data quality and/or performance on particular outcome measures.

Thirty-eight States submitted comments. When data concerns were noted, most States indicated that they had either already identified the source of the data problems or

were taking steps to do so. When the source of the problem had been identified, many States reported that they were in the process of correcting the problem or had already corrected it. Several States resubmitted corrected AFCARS or NCANDS data in response to identified problems. A few States expressed concern about their performance on a particular outcome measure and indicated that they were taking steps to better understand and improve their performance.

Examples of the types of issues raised in the State comments are the following:

- **Problems related to data entry.** One State indicated that its data quality issues are due to data entry problems and that assistance in resolving this problem had been requested from the National Resource Center on Information Technology in Child Welfare. Another State noted that the review of its data pages resulted in the identification of a “flaw” related to data entry, which the State was then able to correct.
- **Problems resulting from changes from a legacy system to a SACWIS.** Several States noted that their data discrepancies were the result of changing to a SACWIS. One State commented that some of its AFCARS data for FY 1998 are unreliable due to the implementation of its SACWIS on March 1, 1997. Another State reported that its data inconsistencies are the result of field staff not being familiar with the State’s new SACWIS. Several States attributed their data inconsistencies to the fact that some of the data reported to AFCARS were from a new SACWIS, while other data were from the legacy system.
- **Data issues resulting from State laws, policies, or procedures.** One State explained that it has been unable to participate fully in NCANDS because of a State law that prohibited maintenance of a centralized database containing the names of alleged child maltreatment victims or perpetrators. Other States indicated that they recently implemented practices designed to increase adoptions for children who have been in foster care for long periods of time. Although these practices have been successful, they have resulted in the data pertaining to time to adoption (outcome measure 5.1) producing the misleading impression that the States are not performing well with regard to achieving adoptions for children in foster care for fewer than 24 months.

- **Data issues resulting from State definitions and use of data codes that are different from those used by other States or by AFCARS or NCANDS.** Three States explained what they perceived to be a high child maltreatment fatality rate by noting that they have broader definitions of child fatalities due to maltreatment than other States. In these States, a child fatality that occurred because of a lack of supervision (e.g., drowning, suicide, house fires), or as a result of automobile or boating accidents in which the driver was under the influence of intoxicants or the children were not using safety devices, is classified as a child maltreatment fatality. Two States noted that they had a large number of children reported in the “other” category for “maltreatment type” because they have a “threat of harm” category that is not included among the NCANDS categories. Other States indicated that they use “reason for discharge” (from foster care) categories that are not AFCARS compliant and therefore appear as missing data.

Analyzing and Interpreting State Data

Although the goal of the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports is to assess State child welfare system performance on the child welfare outcomes over time, the considerable improvements in data quality and quantity from 1998 to 1999 make it impossible to determine whether observed changes from 1998 to 1999 are the result of changes in data quality or changes in performance. As a result, meaningful interpretations of change cannot be made based solely on the data presented in this report. However, the Department expects that as data quality improves and stabilizes, future Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports will incorporate assessments of State performance on the outcome measures over time.

To facilitate assessments of State performance, the Department also plans to include key information from completed CFS reviews in subsequent Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports. Because the CFS reviews examine the entirety of a child welfare system’s programs, policies, practices, and outcomes, the resulting information provides an in-depth portrait of a child welfare system. Relevant information from these reviews will serve as a context for interpreting changes in State performance over time, examining the reasons for high and low performance, and, where possible, making recommendations as to how State performance could be improved. These goals reflect

the requirements specified in the Adoption and Safe Families Act, section 203(a).

In summary, the Department anticipates that over the coming years the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports will reflect ongoing improvements in State data quantity and quality, an expanded scope with regard to the outcomes assessed, and new information from the CFS reviews about State child welfare system functioning. Each new report will permit a more extensive analysis and interpretation of State data, leading to the identification of areas where improvements may be needed.

Although the analyses of the data in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999* are not as extensive as those anticipated for future reports, they provide information that greatly enhances our understanding of the variation in State child welfare systems and State performance with respect to achieving the goals of child safety and permanency. These findings are presented and discussed in the following chapter.

The major findings of the analyses conducted on States' 1999 context and outcome data are presented and discussed in this chapter. The primary objective of the analyses was to enhance the understanding of the Nation's child welfare systems with respect to State child welfare agency populations and performances on the outcome measures. The analyses were not designed as evaluative assessments of State child welfare agencies. When States are identified by name, as they are for the maximums and minimums of the ranges for particular variables, the purpose is to demonstrate that the States in these positions cannot be consistently characterized by any particular features, such as population size or population characteristics. That is, States with extremely large populations of children are no more likely to be at the maximum (or minimum) point on a given variable or outcome measure than States with relatively small child populations.

The initial analyses focused on identifying similarities and differences among States, with a finding of extensive State variation for almost all context variables and outcome measures. Potential explanations for State variation were explored by assessing the correlations between relevant context variables and between context variables and outcome measures.¹ Although the results of these assessments do not provide definitive explanations for State variation, they identify areas of interest for further investigation by both Federal and State agencies concerned with understanding child welfare systems and improving the outcomes experienced by children who come into contact with these systems.

This chapter provides the results of the analyses as they pertain to the goals of child safety and permanency. The next chapter presents the data for individual States.

Key Findings Regarding Attaining the Goal of Child Safety

Children's safety is the paramount concern of all State child welfare systems. The Child Welfare Outcomes Annual

Reports address the issue of children's safety through two outcome measures. One measure assesses the incidence of recurrence of child maltreatment among children substantiated by the child welfare system as victims of maltreatment; the other examines the incidence of maltreatment of children in foster care by their caretakers.

To better understand State efforts to attain the goal of child safety, the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports also provide State-level information pertaining to child maltreatment, such as the number of child maltreatment victims, the rate of child maltreatment victims per 1,000 children in the population, the age and race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims, and the type of maltreatment experienced by victims.

The questions addressed in the analyses of child maltreatment-related context variables and outcome measures are presented below. All analyses were conducted on data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC).² The number of States included in the analyses ranges from 20 to 28, depending upon the availability of data. Additional information on child maltreatment from the NCANDS data can be found in *Child Maltreatment 1999*. Highlights from this report are provided in appendix B of this report.

What was the variation among States in their rates of child maltreatment victims (children who are the subject of substantiated or indicated abuse or neglect reports)?

The rate of child maltreatment victims per 1,000 children in the population exhibited considerable variation among the 28 States included in this analysis. State variation in child victim rates was found to be unrelated to the percentages of children living in poverty in the States, the percentages of children living in metropolitan areas in the States, and the percentages of children of color in the States' child populations.

¹ A probability level of at least 0.05 was established as necessary for a finding to be considered statistically significant.

² The child maltreatment context data that are presented in section B of the State data pages are from the NCANDS Summary Data Component (SDC), which collects aggregate data from States on key child maltreatment-related variables. Because States do not aggregate the data they report to the NCANDS SDC in the same manner (e.g., some States may provide the number of child victims while other States may provide the number of substantiated reports), using SDC data to examine State variation is not appropriate. Consequently, the analyses of child maltreatment-related context variables presented in this chapter use data from the NCANDS DCDC. Although fewer States participate in the NCANDS DCDC than in the SDC, the DCDC data are more amenable to examinations of State differences and similarities.

The term “child victims” is defined in this report as children who are the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment reports. The data represent the number of unique children for whom a maltreatment report or reports were substantiated or indicated during the reporting year. It is important to note that the term does not refer to all children in the State who may have experienced maltreatment, but only to those who were the subject of maltreatment reports **and** for whom the maltreatment was substantiated or indicated.

Twenty-eight States provided sufficient data to calculate the rate of child maltreatment victims per 1,000 children in the population. This rate ranged from 1.7 in Pennsylvania to 18.3 in Florida, with a median of 9.7.

The low rate of child victims in Pennsylvania can be attributed, at least in part, to the fact that, in accordance with State policy, many reports of child neglect in that State receive a general protective services investigation rather than a child protective services investigation and are not classified as child maltreatment. However, child neglect that meets the definition of “serious” is classified as child maltreatment by the State. It is important to note that the fact that some reports of neglect are not classified as child maltreatment in Pennsylvania and not investigated by child protective services does not mean that the children and families involved do not receive services. It does mean, however, that information concerning the children involved in these reports is not provided to the NCANDS DCDC.

One question raised by Pennsylvania’s policy regarding reports of child neglect was whether State variation in the rate of child victims may be related to State differences in statutory requirements, policies, or definitions pertaining to substantiating a child maltreatment report. This possibility has been supported by findings reported in *Child Maltreatment 1996*. Although the question could not be addressed with data available for the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports, it may become particularly important to consider as States begin to implement differential response systems that involve alternatives to child maltreatment investigations for child maltreatment reports judged to be “non-severe.”

The variation among States in the rate of child victims (children who are the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment reports) per 1,000 children in the population was not correlated with State variations in (1) the percentages of children living in poverty (Spearman’s rho = 0.121), (2) the percentages of children residing in metropolitan areas (Spearman’s rho = 0.222), or (3) the

percentages of children of color in the child population (Spearman’s rho = -0.018).

What was the variation among States in the ages of child maltreatment victims (children who were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment reports)?

Little variation among States was found in the analysis of the distribution of child maltreatment victims among the age groups of (1) younger than 4 years, (2) 4 to 7 years, (3) 8 to 11 years, (4) 12 to 15 years, and (5) 16 to 17 years. A key finding, however, was that for 15 of the 27 States included in the analysis, at least one-fourth of all child maltreatment victims were 12 years of age or older.

Twenty-seven States were included in the analysis of State variation in the distribution of child maltreatment victims across age groups. States were highly similar with respect to the percentages of child victims who were aged 4 to 7 years and 8 to 11 years, but exhibited some differences in the percentages of children who were younger than 4 years old. However, the extent of the variation for this age group was less than 18 percentage points.

Although the majority of child maltreatment victims in all States were younger than 12 years old, in 15 States, 25 percent or more of the child maltreatment victims were 12 years of age or older, and in 4 States, at least one-third of child victims were in this age group. Only 3 States had less than one-fifth of child maltreatment victims in the 12-to-17 year-old age group. These findings demonstrate that child maltreatment is not a problem that is exclusive to young children. State child welfare agencies are responsible for ensuring the safety of adolescents as well as young children, and, in many States, a substantial percentage of the children requiring protection are adolescents.

What was the variation among States in the types of maltreatment experienced by child maltreatment victims (children who are the subject of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report)?

States varied with respect to the percentages of child victims experiencing each type of maltreatment (physical abuse, neglect, medical neglect, sexual abuse, and psychological maltreatment/emotional abuse). In all but 3 of the 26 States included in the analysis, the largest percentage of child victims experienced neglect.

The analysis of variation in types of maltreatment included 26 States. Pennsylvania was excluded from the analysis because its policy pertaining to reports of non-severe neglect affects its comparability with other States with respect to types of maltreatment.

Neglect was the most frequent type of maltreatment experienced by children who were the subject of substantiated or indicated child maltreatment reports (child victims) in all States except Florida, Hawaii, and Utah. In 15 of the 26 States included in the analyses, more than 50 percent of child victims experienced neglect. The correlation between the percentages of child victims experiencing neglect in a State and the percentages of children living in poverty in a State was not significant (Pearson's $r = 0.228$).

The percentages of child victims experiencing child sexual abuse ranged from 3 in Connecticut to 39.5 in Vermont, with a median of 7.8. In 18 of the 26 States, the incidence of child victims experiencing sexual abuse was less than 10 percent. Vermont's high percentage of sexual abuse victims reflects the fact that for this State, the "sexual abuse" category for type of maltreatment includes abuse by nonfamilial/noncustodial perpetrators.

State variation in the incidence of physical abuse was less than the variation for sexual abuse or neglect, ranging from 3.6 percent in North Carolina to 28.5 percent in New Mexico, with a median of 21.7 percent. In no State was physical abuse the dominant category.

The incidence of psychological maltreatment accounted for less than 10 percent of child victims in all but 4 States. However, in Utah, it was the most frequently experienced type of maltreatment (37.9 percent), and in Connecticut, psychological maltreatment accounted for 29.8 percent of child victims. The median for this type of maltreatment was 3.2 percent.

What was the variation among States in their success in keeping child maltreatment victims safe from future maltreatment?

Success in keeping children safe from future maltreatment was assessed through (1) the incidence of recurrence of a substantiated or indicated child maltreatment within 6 months of a prior substantiated or indicated maltreatment, and (2) the incidence of child maltreatment by foster parents or facility staff member. Variation among States in the incidence of child maltreatment recurrence was found to be correlated with variation in the rate of child victims per 1,000 children

in the State population. The incidence of maltreatment from foster parents or facility staff exhibited little State variation and was an infrequent event in all States.

Outcome measure 1.1 is: *For all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?* Of the 28 States providing data to calculate this outcome measure, the recurrence of substantiated or indicated maltreatment ranged from 2.1 percent in Delaware to 13.5 percent in New York, with a median of 6.7 percent.

State variation in the incidence of maltreatment recurrence was not correlated with variations in the percentages of child victims (children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report) experiencing neglect (Pearson's $r = 0.273$). However, State variation in the incidence of maltreatment recurrence was significantly correlated with the rate of child victims per 1,000 children in the State population (Spearman's $\rho = 0.451$, $p = 0.016$ [two-tailed]). States with higher rates of child maltreatment victims tended to have correspondingly higher incidences of child maltreatment recurrence and vice versa. For example, Pennsylvania had the lowest child maltreatment victim rate (1.7 per 1,000 children in the population) and the second lowest incidence of recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months (2.5 percent). The two States with the highest incidences of recurrence (New York at 13.5 percent and Connecticut at 13.0 percent) also had relatively high rates of child victims per 1,000 children in the population (New York at 13.8 and Connecticut at 15.8). Although this pattern represents a general tendency, it was not observed for all States. In Florida, for example, the rate of child victims was high (18 per 1,000 children in the population), but the incidence of recurrence (6.2 percent) was below the median.

The finding of a significant correlation between child maltreatment recurrence and the rate of child victims per 1,000 children in the population cannot be interpreted without additional information, particularly about States' substantiation policies and maltreatment definitions and what happens to children after a maltreatment report has been substantiated. This correlation raises the question of whether State policies or definitions regarding child maltreatment substantiation account for State variation in both child victim and recurrence rates, since both variables require a finding of a substantiated or indicated child maltreatment. Also, it may be that States that tend to

substantiate only the most serious cases of maltreatment have lower maltreatment recurrence rates within 6 months of a prior substantiated maltreatment because the maltreatment victims are in foster care during that time.

Outcome measure 2.1 is: *Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member?* For the 20 States with sufficient data to calculate this measure, the percentages ranged from 0.1 percent in Arizona, Delaware, and Wyoming, to 2.3 percent in Rhode Island, with a median of 0.5 percent. It is important to note that not all States report the same information to NCANDS pertaining to this outcome. For example, 6 of the 20 State child welfare agencies included in this analysis do not receive information regarding children in institutions who have been maltreated. Because investigations of these incidents are conducted by other agencies, the child welfare agency does not report the numbers to the NCANDS DCDC.

Key Findings Regarding Attaining the Goal of Permanency

The passage of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) strengthened the focus on permanency as a goal for the Nation's child welfare systems. The Department considers "permanent homes" as reunifications with birth families, finalized adoptions, and legal guardianships. Although some States do not currently view legal guardianship as a permanency option, current research on assisted guardianship and its impact on permanency for children eventually may result in an increase in the number of States for which guardianship is a permanency option.

In addition to emphasizing the goal of permanency for children, ASFA specified that permanency must be achieved in a timely manner, and identified specific practices and procedures for achieving this objective. ASFA's focus on achieving permanency in a timely manner is reflected in the child welfare outcome measures that assess the length of time children are in foster care before they are reunified with birth families or have finalized adoptions.

To better understand the context in which State child welfare agencies operate with respect to attaining permanency for children, the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports present information in the State data pages on such variables as the number of children in foster care on the first and last days of the fiscal year; the number of children entering and exiting the system during a given fiscal year; the number of children served by the foster care

system during the year; the number of children waiting for adoption; the number of children adopted; and the age and race/ethnicity of children in foster care, waiting children, and adopted children.

The analyses of data pertaining to the context variables and outcome measures relevant to attaining permanent homes for children focused on the differences and similarities among States and examined potential explanations for differences. The data pertaining to State foster care populations (including data on waiting children), and to outcomes 3 through 7, come from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) Annual Foster Care Database; the data on the adoption populations that pertains to the context variables are from the AFCARS Annual Adoption Database.

The total number of jurisdictions that could be included in an analysis was 52 – all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. However, because Alaska, Michigan, and Nevada did not have sufficient data to calculate either the foster care context variables or the permanency-related outcome measures, these States were included only in the analyses of adoption data reported to the AFCARS Annual Adoption Database. Other jurisdictions were excluded from a given analysis either because more than 30 percent of the data for a given outcome measure was coded as "missing," or because there was a problem with the data submitted to AFCARS for a particular outcome or measure. One State, for example, used an incorrect code for the data on race/ethnicity, and therefore was excluded from all analyses of State variation pertaining to children's race/ethnicity.

What was the variation among States in the rate of children entering the foster care system in FY 1999?

States varied with respect to the rate of entry into foster care per 1,000 children in the State population. This variation was found to be unrelated to State variations in the rate of child victims, the percentages of children living in poverty, and the percentages of children living in metropolitan areas. The rate of entry into foster care for children of color per 1,000 children of color in the population was higher in all States than the rate of entry for Caucasian children. This difference was primarily accounted for by the higher rate of entry into foster care of African-American children than for Caucasian children.

Forty-seven States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico provided data to calculate the rate of entry into foster care per 1,000 children in the State population. For these jurisdictions, the rate of entry ranged from 1.7 in Texas and Virginia to 13.4 in the District of Columbia, with a median of 4.6.

State variation in the rate of entry into foster care was found to be unrelated to State variations in the rate of child victims (children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report) per 1,000 children in the population (Spearman's rho = 0.302), the percentages of children in the State residing in metropolitan areas (Spearman's rho = -0.148), and the percentages of children in the State living in poverty (Spearman's rho = -0.200). (The District of Columbia was excluded from these analyses.) With respect to poverty, however, many States that had relatively low percentages of children living in poverty had high rates of entry into foster care and vice versa. Minnesota, for example, which had the highest rate of entry per 1,000 children into foster care, had one of the lowest percentages of children living in poverty (7.9), while Texas, which had the lowest rate of entry into foster care (1.7), had one of the highest percentages of children living in poverty (22.1).

In all States, more children entered than exited foster care in FY 1999. In 16 States, the difference between entries and exits exceeded 20 percent, while in 17 States the difference was 10 percent or less.

The rate of entry into foster care for children of color per 1,000 children of color in the population ranged from 1.9 in Texas to 24.7 in South Dakota, with a median of 6.8. This rate was higher in all States than the rate of entry into foster care for Caucasian children. The difference between children of color and Caucasian children was primarily accounted for by rates of entry into foster care for African-American children, which ranged from 2.9 in Mississippi to 37.8 in Minnesota, with a median of 12.0. For all States, the rate of entry of African-American children was higher than the rate of entry for Caucasian children and, in 30 States, the rate of entry of African-American children was more than 3 times higher than the rate of entry of Caucasian children.

On the last day of FY 1999, the percentage of African-American children in foster care exceeded the percentage of African-American children in the State population in all States. For 37 States, the percentage of African-American children in foster care on September 30, 1999 was more than twice the percentage of African-American children in

the population, and for 14 States the percentage of African-American children in foster care on that date was more than 4 times the percentage of African-American children in the population.

What was the variation among States in the ages of children entering the foster care system in FY 1999?

Differences among States with respect to the percentages of children entering foster care occurred primarily in the 16-to-18 year-old age group, with a range of 3.4 to 30. This finding may be due to the fact that some State child welfare systems provide foster care services to children who enter the system as a result of behavioral problems or through the juvenile justice system, while other State child welfare systems do not. For most States, the highest percentages of entries into foster care occurred in the 11-to-15 year-old age group.

Forty-seven States and the District of Columbia provided data on the ages of children entering care across five age groups (younger than 1, 1 to 5 years, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 15 years, and 16 to 18 years). For 31 States, the highest percentage of entries into foster care was in the 11-to-15 year-old age group; for 13 States, at least one-third of the entries into foster care were in this age group. Also, in all but 3 States, more 11-to-15 year-olds entered foster care than exited. These findings draw attention to the fact that many of the adolescents in foster care have not been in foster care since they were young children. For many States, a substantial percentage of children who enter foster care enter as preadolescents or adolescents.

The percentages of children entering foster care who were 16 to 18 years old ranged from 3.4 percent to 30 percent. In 7 States, at least 20 percent of the entries into foster care were in that age group, while in 19 States, fewer than 10 percent of entries were in that age group. This variation among States in the percentage of entries into foster care of older children may reflect the fact that some State child welfare systems include children in their foster care population who enter the system through the juvenile justice system, or who enter as a result of behavior problems, while other States do not. Information from the Child and Family Services (CFS) reviews may enhance our understanding of this issue.

What was the variation among States in the median length of stay of children in foster care on the last day of FY 1999?

Median length of stay in foster care ranged widely across States. In general the median length of stay was longer for children in care on the last day of FY 1999 than it was for children who exited foster care in FY 1999.

The median length of stay of children in foster care on the last day of FY 1999 ranged from 9.9 months in Florida to 40.9 months in Illinois, with a median of 16.5 months. Of the 47 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that reported information to calculate this measure, 6 States and Puerto Rico had median lengths of stay that exceeded 2 years, while 8 States had median lengths of stay of less than 1 year. Children exiting foster care during FY 1999 tended to have shorter lengths of stay than children in care on the last day of the fiscal year, with a range of 2.1 months in Idaho to 47.3 months in Illinois. The median length of stay for children exiting care in FY 1999 was 10.3 months.

State variation in median length of stay is particularly difficult to interpret because of the many factors that influence this statistic. For example, children in kinship care tend to stay in care for longer periods of time than children in non-kinship care, and the placement is generally viewed as a permanent one. Therefore, States (such as Illinois) in which a large percentage of children are in kinship foster care may demonstrate longer median lengths of stay than other States. The establishment of assisted guardianship in several States may result in a gradual reduction of median length of stay as children in kinship care move into guardianship arrangements. Information obtained from the CFS reviews may enhance the understanding of variations among States regarding median length of stay in foster care.

What was the variation among States in the percentages of children in foster care who had finalized adoptions in FY 1999 and in the age and race/ethnicity of these children?

The percentage of all children in foster care on the first day of FY 1999 who had finalized adoptions in FY 1999 varied across States. In most States, the largest percentage of adoptions occurred in the 1-to-5 year-old age group. The percentage of adoptions that involved children of color also varied among States. However, the percentage of all adoptions that involved children of color was similar to the percentage of all children in the foster care population who were children of color.

The percentage of all children in care on the first day of FY 1999 who had finalized adoptions in FY 1999 ranged from 2.7 in Puerto Rico to 16.6 in Utah, with a median of 9.0. In 42 States, the largest percentages of finalized adoptions occurred in the 1-to-5 year-old age group, with a median of 44.7. In 9 States, more than 50 percent of adoptions occurred in this age group. The variation among States in the percentages of finalized adoptions in the 1-to-5 year-old age group was found to be significantly correlated with State variation in the percentages of 1-to-5 year-olds in the foster care population (Pearson's $r = 0.32$; $p = 0.02$). That is, States with larger percentages of 1-to-5 year-olds in their foster care population also tended to have larger percentages of 1-to-5 year-olds in their finalized adoptions population and vice versa.

The 6-to-10 year-old age group accounted for at least one-third of finalized adoptions in 36 States. Finalized adoptions of children younger than 1 year (median = 13 percent) or 16 to 18 years old (median = 1.6 percent) were infrequent, while finalized adoptions of children in the 11-to-15 year-old group ranged from 0 percent in Delaware to 24.9 percent in New York, with a median of 14.4 percent. There were only 3 States (Kansas, Arkansas, and New York) in which 20 percent or more of the finalized adoptions involved children 11 to 15 years old.

In 46 States, the percentages of all adoptions that involved children of color ranged from 4.3 in Vermont to 86.5 in Hawaii (the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico were excluded from these analyses), with a median of 42.5. State variation in the percentages of adoptions that involved children of color was found to be correlated with State variation in the percentage of children in foster care (on the first day of FY 1999) who were children of color (Pearson's $r = 0.906$, $p < 0.0001$ [two-tailed]). States with higher percentages of children of color in foster care tended to have higher percentages of adoptions of children of color, and vice versa.

What was the variation among State child welfare systems with respect to their success in achieving permanency for children?

Although States demonstrated some differences in the percentages of children exiting to permanent homes through reunification with their families, adoption, or guardianship, the vast majority of children who left the foster care system in FY 1999 exited to permanent homes. However, children who were older than 12 years at the time of entry into foster care were less likely than other children to exit to permanent homes and more likely to exit to emancipation.

Outcome 3 is “Increase permanency for children in foster care.” Five measures were developed to assess this outcome:

- Measure 3.1: *For all children who exited foster care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?*
- Measure 3.2: *For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?*
- Measure 3.3: *For children who exited foster care and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?*
- Measure 3.4: *Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?*
- Measure 3.5: *For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?*

For these measures, adoption, guardianship, and reunification represent exits to permanent homes, while the category of “other” represents “discharge reasons” that are not considered permanency, such as transfers to another system, emancipations from foster care, running away, and death. The analyses did not include an assessment of exits to guardianship because many States do not yet include this arrangement as a permanency option.

It is important to note that the findings of the analyses of outcome measures 3.1 through 3.5 may not accurately reflect State variation in exits to adoption (or to “other”) because, for many States, the number of exits to finalized adoptions is under-reported. In 37 States, the number of adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Database (as provided in Context Section E) was greater than the number of exits to adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Database (used to calculate outcome measure 3.1). While a slight difference would be expected because the AFCARS Adoption Database includes a small number of private adoptions in which the public agency is involved, the number of private adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Database accounted for only a small percentage of the discrepancies, which were extremely large in several States. For example, in eight States the number of adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Data Base was at least twice as many as the number of exits to adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Data Base. In 17 States, the number reported to the Adoption Data Base exceeded the number of exits to adoption by 25

percent or more. For one State, the number of children with finalized adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Data Base was 2,052 in FY 1999, while the number of exits to adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Data Base for FY 1999 was 75. This State’s data for outcome measure 3.1 were not included in the analyses because of the extent of this discrepancy.

The adoptions that were not reported as exits to adoption may have been reported as “missing data” or exits to “other.” Some States indicated in their comment letters that the discrepancy in their adoption numbers is due to the fact that the State uses adoption-related discharge categories that are not compliant with the AFCARS categories and, therefore, are classified as “missing data” in AFCARS. Other States attributed the discrepancy to the possibility that their child welfare workers are reluctant to provide a discharge reason of adoption because of confidentiality issues, and therefore record discharges to adoption as “other.” Most States exhibiting this inconsistency indicated that the numbers reported to the AFCARS Adoption Database accurately reflect the actual number of finalized adoptions for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and that the exits to adoption shown in outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1 are not correct. States commenting on this discrepancy indicated that they have taken measures to resolve it.

Thirty-nine States and the District of Columbia were included in the analysis of outcome measure 3.1, which assesses exits to permanency. The percentages of children exiting foster care to reunification with their families ranged from 30.8 in Illinois to 84.7 in Idaho, with a median of 66.3. In 7 States, at least 75 percent of exits from foster care were reunifications. Exits to adoption ranged from 4.6 percent in Wyoming to 45.6 percent in Illinois, with a median of 12.5 percent. Only one State reported a greater percentage of adoptions than reunifications. The percentages of children who did not exit to adoption, reunification, or guardianship (i.e., the percentages included in the category “other”) ranged from 4.3 in Maine to 22.8 in Wisconsin, with a median of 10.1.

Thirty-nine States and the District of Columbia also provided analyzable data for outcome measure 3.2, which examines exits to permanency for children with disabilities. The percentages of children with disabilities who exited foster care to situations **other than** reunification, adoption, or guardianship ranged from 4.5 in North Dakota to 41.2 in Vermont, with a median of 17.1. For four States (Maine, Illinois, Hawaii and Montana), the percentages of children

with disabilities exiting to adoption were greater than the percentages exiting to reunification.

Thirty-eight States and the District of Columbia reported sufficient data for outcome measure 3.3, which assesses exits to permanency for children who were older than 12 years at the time of entry into care. The percentages of these children who did not exit to a permanent arrangement ranged from 12.7 in Alabama to 47.3 in Illinois. In all States, less than 2.1 percent of these children exited to adoption. However, in the District of Columbia, 21.9 percent of children who were older than 12 at the time of entry into foster care exited foster care to a finalized adoption.

Forty-five States and the District of Columbia reported sufficient data to calculate measure 3.4, which examines whether children exiting to emancipation (i.e., “aging out” of the foster care system) entered foster care when they were 12 years or younger or when they were older than 12 years. Overall, the percentages of all children exiting foster care that exited to emancipation ranged from 1.7 in Oregon to 14.2 in Tennessee. In 19 States, at least 75 percent of the children exiting to emancipation entered when they were older than 12 years.

The findings of the analyses for outcome measures 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 suggest that attaining permanency for children who are disabled or older than 12 at the time of entry into foster care is a challenge for many States. The finding with regard to age is particularly critical because in many States, more than 50 percent of the children entering the foster care system in FY 1999 were aged 11 years or older.

Thirty-seven States and the District of Columbia provided sufficient data to be included in the analysis of measure 3.5, which pertains to the race/ethnicity of children exiting foster care. This analysis revealed no clear patterns of variation among the States. In general, children of color exited to permanency at the same rate as Caucasian children. Overall, the median percentage for African-American children not exiting to permanent arrangements (the category of “other”) was 9.3, while the median percentage for Caucasian children not exiting to permanent arrangements was 9.8.

What was the variation among States in reunifying children in a timely manner?

Although most States appear to achieve reunifications in a timely manner, a significant positive correlation was found between the percentage of reunifications in FY 1999 occurring within 12 months of entry into foster care and the percentage of entries into foster care

in FY 1999 that were re-entries within 12 months of a prior foster care episode. This suggests that assessments of a State’s success with respect to timely reunifications must take into account the percentages of re-entries into foster care within 12 months of a prior episode.

Child welfare outcome 4 is “Reduce time to reunification without increasing re-entries into foster care.” This outcome is assessed through the following measures:

- Measure 4.1: *Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods: (1) fewer than 12 months, (2) at least 12 months but fewer than 24 months, (3) at least 24 months, but fewer than 36 months, (4) at least 36 months but fewer than 48 months, and (5) 48 or more months?*
- Measure 4.2: *Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?*

For the 47 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico providing sufficient data to calculate these measures, the percentages of exits to reunifications that occurred within 12 months of entry into foster care ranged from 33.8 in Illinois to 87.3 in New Mexico, with a median of 67.3. In 44 States, more than 50 percent of the exits to reunification were achieved within 12 months, and in 45 States fewer than 10 percent of the exits to reunification involved children who had been in foster care for 48 months or more.

Although these data suggest that most States are reunifying children in a timely manner, when the incidence of re-entries into care is considered, a different picture emerges. The percentages of entries into foster care in FY 1999 that were re-entries within 12 months of a prior episode ranged from 0 in West Virginia to 26.7 in Iowa, with a median of 10.8. For 9 States, 20 percent or more of entries into foster care were re-entries within 12 months.

The correlation between State variation in the percentages of reunifications within 12 months of entry into foster care and State variation in the percentages of children entering foster care who were re-entering within 12 months of a prior episode was significant (Pearson’s $r = 0.407$, $p = 0.004$ [two-tailed]). States with relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring within 12 months tended to have relatively high percentages of entries into foster care in FY 1999 that were re-entries within 12 months of a prior foster care episode. States with low percentages of reunifications occurring within 12 months tended to have correspondingly low percentages of re-

entries within 12 months. Although this finding does not establish a causal relationship between these factors, it does support the position that time to reunification must be considered in conjunction with re-entry rates in assessing State performance. Expedited reunification should not be achieved at the risk of children re-entering the system.

What was the variation among States in their achieving finalized adoptions within 24 months of a child's entry into foster care?

There was considerable State variation in the percentage of exits to adoption that occurred in FY 1999 within 24 months of entry into foster care. It is difficult to interpret the findings for this measure, however, because time to adoption is based on the number of exits to adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Database. As noted previously, in 37 States the number of exits to adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Database was less than the number of finalized adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Database. Consequently, for many States, the data on time to adoption do not include all of the adoptions that took place.

Child welfare outcome 5 is "Reduce time in foster care to adoption." The outcome is assessed by measure 5.1 – *Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods: (1) Fewer than 12 months from the time of latest removal, (2) at least 12 months but fewer than 24 months, (3) at least 24 months but fewer than 36 months, (4) at least 36 months but fewer than 48 months, and (5) 48 or more months?*

For the 45 States and the District of Columbia providing data to calculate this measure, the percentages of children experiencing a finalized adoption within 24 months of entry into foster care ranged from 3 in New York to 81.6 in Connecticut, with the median being 25. In 6 States, at least 50 percent of the adoptions occurred within 24 months of the time of entry into care.

The findings of this analysis are difficult to interpret. First, as noted in the discussion of outcome measure 3.1, in 37 States, the number of children exiting to a finalized adoption reported to the AFCARS Foster Care Database was less than (sometimes half as many as) the number of finalized adoptions reported to the AFCARS Adoption Database. For these States, the time to adoption reported for measure 5.1 does not represent all adoptions that took place in FY 1999. Because some of these States indicated in their comment letters that they were taking measures to resolve this discrepancy, future Child Welfare Outcomes

Annual Reports are expected to have more complete data on the number of exits from foster care to adoption.

Second, many States have recently begun intensive efforts to find adoptive homes for children who have been in the foster care system for long periods of time. A State's success in achieving finalized adoptions for this "backlog" of children in foster care will result in data for outcome measure 5.1 showing a relatively high percentage of children adopted as having been in care for long periods of time, which results in a potentially misleading impression that these States are performing poorly with respect to the percentage of adoptions occurring within 24 months. For this reason, an analysis of an individual State's performance on measure 5.1 should include an assessment of changes in the number of adoptions occurring within 24 months of entry into care, as well as changes in the percentage of adoptions occurring during that time period.

What was the variation among States with respect to providing stable placements for children in foster care?

In most States, the majority of children who are in foster care for fewer than 12 months experience no more than 2 placements while in care. However, children who are in care for more than 12 months often experience 3 or more placement settings.

There is general agreement in the child welfare field that multiple placements of children while in foster care do not promote positive growth and development. This perspective is reflected in child welfare outcome 6: Increase placement stability. Attainment of outcome 6 is assessed by measure 6.1 – *Of all children served who had been in foster care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period: (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home, (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months, (3) at least 24 months, but less than 36 months, (4) at least 36 months, but less than 48 months, (5) 48 or more months?*

Of the 46 States reporting data for this measure, the percentages of children in foster care for fewer than 12 months who experienced no more than 2 placements ranged from 58.9 in Utah to 99.8 in West Virginia, with a median of 80.8. Despite these generally positive findings, the number of placements experienced by children increased with increasing time in foster care, with substantial percentages of children experiencing three or more placements while in foster care. For children who were in foster care for 48 or more months, the percentages experiencing no more than 2 placement settings ranged from 12.5 in Arizona to 90.6 in Puerto Rico, with a median of 37.0.

What was the variation among States with respect to ensuring that young children are not placed in group homes or institutions?

Only a few States exhibited high percentages of placements of young children in group homes and/or institutions. Comment letters from these States indicated that the high number of placements in these settings reflects the States' use of emergency shelter facilities for short periods of time after receiving a child maltreatment report if there are questions about the child's safety.

There is concern in the child welfare field that placements of young children in group homes or institutions may be detrimental to optimum growth and development. Child welfare outcome 7 – Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions – is intended to address this concern. This outcome is assessed by measure 7.1: *For all children who entered foster care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or institution?*

For the 47 States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico providing data for this measure, the percentages of children who were aged 12 years old or younger when they were placed in group homes ranged from 0.2 in Illinois to 25 in Utah, with a median of 3.8. The percentages of children who were 12 years old or younger when placed in institutions ranged from 0.1 in Florida to 24 in Minnesota, with a median of 4.9.

States exhibiting high percentages of placements of younger children in either group homes or institutions attributed these data to their practice of placing children in emergency shelters for short periods of time when there are concerns regarding the ability to maintain the child safely in the home. These States noted that because AFCARS defines group homes and institutions in terms of the number of beds, emergency shelter placements become coded as institutional or group home placements (depending on the size of the placement facility). Although the use of shelters rather than family homes for emergency short-term placements may be viewed by some child welfare professionals as an undesirable practice, emergency shelter placements are not equivalent to group homes or institutions, and some procedure for distinguishing emergency shelter placements would enhance interpretation of the data for outcome measure 7.1.

Summary of Findings

What have we learned from the analyses of the data presented in Child Welfare Outcomes 1999 regarding the outcomes experienced by children who come into contact with the Nation's foster care systems?

The analyses presented in this chapter focused on the differences and similarities among State child welfare systems with respect to the child welfare context variables and outcome measures provided in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports. A key finding is that State child welfare systems differ extensively with respect to child welfare populations and performances on the outcome measures. Furthermore, this variation is not characterized by any systematic pattern. States that are similar with respect to a given context variable or outcome measure are quite different with regard to other variables or outcome measures. The considerable differences among State child welfare systems regarding the context variables provide strong support for the Department's decision to assess State performance on the outcome measures by examining changes in performance over time within a State, rather than by comparing performances across States.

Highlights of the findings regarding State performance on the seven child welfare outcomes are as follows:

- **Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect.**

The incidence of recurrence of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment within 6 months of a prior substantiated or indicated maltreatment may not be sufficient information to assess a State's performance with regard to ensuring the safety of children who come into contact with the child welfare system. In some instances, a low incidence of maltreatment recurrence may reflect State policies or definitions pertaining to child maltreatment substantiation, rather than a State's success in keeping children safe. Additional information about State child welfare systems' policies pertaining to substantiation is necessary for a meaningful interpretation of the incidence of maltreatment recurrence. The CFS reviews will take a similar approach to understanding the incidence of maltreatment recurrence through reviews of case records and interviews with various stakeholders.

- **Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care.**

Maltreatment of children in foster care by their caretakers is an infrequent occurrence, and State differences with respect to this statistic are small. However, there is

general agreement that any incidence of child maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff person is unacceptable, and States must continue their efforts to reduce the occurrence of these events.

- **Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care.**

Greater efforts are needed on the part of child welfare agencies to find permanent homes for children who are older than 12 years when they enter foster care. These children were less likely than younger children to exit foster care in FY 1999 to permanent homes and more likely to exit to emancipation. This is an important concern because in many States, adolescents constituted a substantial percentage of the entries into foster care in FY 1999. Two resource centers within the Department's training and technical assistance network – the National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning and the National Resource Center on Youth Development – are available to assist State child welfare agencies in addressing this challenge.

- **Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry.**

The significant positive correlation found between the percentages of reunifications occurring within 12 months of entry into foster care and entries into foster care in FY 1999 that were re-entries within 12 months, suggests that these events must be assessed conjointly. Although a causal relationship between the variables cannot be established based on the analysis performed, the size of the correlation suggests a substantial linkage between these measures.

- **Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption.**

In assessing a State's performance with respect to the timeliness of adoptions, it is necessary to examine trends in the numbers of adoptions occurring during each time period as well as trends in the percentages of adoptions. As States continue to experience success in their efforts to find adoptive families for children who have been in care for long periods of time, there is a risk that the distribution of percentages across the selected "time periods to adoption" will be skewed toward the higher time periods, resulting in a potentially misleading impression that the State is not performing well in achieving adoptions quickly. Once the children who have been in foster care for long periods of time are moved to permanent homes, there will be less risk of "misinterpreting" the data presented in percentages.

- **Outcome 6: Increase placement stability**

Most States appear to be doing a good job of limiting the number of placement settings experienced by children

who are in foster care for fewer than 12 months. However, as time in foster care increases, the percentage of children experiencing multiple placements also increases. For many States, greater efforts are needed to minimize the number of placement settings experienced by children, regardless of their time in foster care.

- **Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.**

For most States, the incidence of placement of young children in group homes or institutions is low. However, even in situations in which the incidence is fairly high, it is difficult to interpret. Several States reported using emergency shelters as short-term placements for children who are the subjects of child maltreatment reports when there is concern about their immediate safety. Based on the AFCARS definitions for placements, these shelters are coded as group homes or institutions in the AFCARS database.

A final lesson from the data analyses is that more information than is captured in the data presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports may be necessary for a meaningful interpretation of a State's performance on the child welfare outcome measures. At present, the Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports include only context information pertaining to numbers of children and some of their characteristics. The Department anticipates that the CFS reviews will provide additional information regarding the broader context in which child welfare systems operate and thus will enhance the understanding and interpretation of States' performances on the outcome measures.

State Context and Outcome Data for 1998 and 1999.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Reports present each State's data separately to enhance an understanding of changes in the State context and State performance on outcome measures over time. The following chapter provides the data for each State.

Child welfare context data are presented first, followed by data for the outcome measures. The last page is reserved for the State's comments regarding its data. As noted in chapter 2, initial copies of each State's data were sent to the State child welfare agency directors and data managers for their review and comment. Thirty-eight States provided comments ranging from explanations of their data to concerns about their performance on particular measures. Clarifications and definitions of the terms used and data issues relevant to the State data pages are provided in appendix K.

IV.

STATE DATA PAGES



A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,084,135	1,066,177	Child maltreatment victims	16,668	13,773
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	5,198	5,511
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	115	153
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.7	0.8			
Black	32.2	32.2			
Hispanic	1.4	1.5			
White	65.3	65.3			
% Child population in poverty	25.9	24.0			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	69.5	75.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	35,912	36,276	33.1 per 1,000	34.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	16,668	13,773	15.4 per 1,000	12.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	25	29	2.3 per 100,000	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.0	7.7	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2
1-5 years	27.8	27.2	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
6-10 years	30.6	29.3	Black	36.6	38.0
11-15 years	27.4	28.1	Hispanic	0.7	1.0
16+ years	5.6	5.1	White	62.1	60.0
Unknown	1.5	2.5	Other	—	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.3	0.7
Number	16,668	13,773	Total % ²	100.0	101.0
			Number	16,668	13,773

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	6.4	4.9
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	46.3	46.0
Physical abuse	39.7	40.9
Sexual abuse	21.4	23.1
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	113.8	114.9
Number	16,668	13,773

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,246	2,803	2,851	5,198	8,049
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	4,839	2,734	2,062	5,511	7,573
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	19.3	N/A	9.4	22.3	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	22.0	N/A	8.8	21.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.9	4.0	14.3	14.3	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.0
1-5 years	24.5	22.6	24.3	25.2	25.0	25.4	23.5	23.5
6-10 years	24.2	25.0	21.8	21.5	22.5	20.5	24.7	24.4
11-15 years	28.5	30.2	28.5	28.7	24.0	24.5	29.0	29.7
16-18 years	17.0	16.0	11.0	9.9	18.7	19.3	16.5	16.0
19+ years	1.9	2.2	0.0	0.3	4.0	4.9	2.2	2.3
Missing	—	0.1	—	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,246	4,839	2,803	2,734	2,851	2,062	5,198	5,511

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	55.1	55.6	48.9	49.5	48.7	48.7	55.2	55.1
Hispanic	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.6
White	43.8	43.5	49.4	48.9	49.6	49.9	43.7	43.7
Unknown	0.1	0.0	—	0.4	0.1	—	0.1	0.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,246	4,839	2,803	2,734	2,851	2,062	5,198	5,511

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	972	1,013
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	489	567

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.4	2.4
1-5 years	29.8	27.5
6-10 years	37.6	36.2
11-15 years	20.2	24.3
16+ years	5.3	5.1
Unknown	4.7	4.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	972	1,013

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	55.7	53.4
Hispanic	1.0	0.4
White	42.5	45.5
Unknown	0.3	0.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	972	1,013

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.5	1.3
1-5 years	45.2	49.0
6-10 years	37.4	37.3
11-15 years	13.9	11.8
16+ years	—	0.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	115	153

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	47.0	51.0
Hispanic	2.6	2.0
White	50.4	46.4
Unknown	—	0.7
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	115	153

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

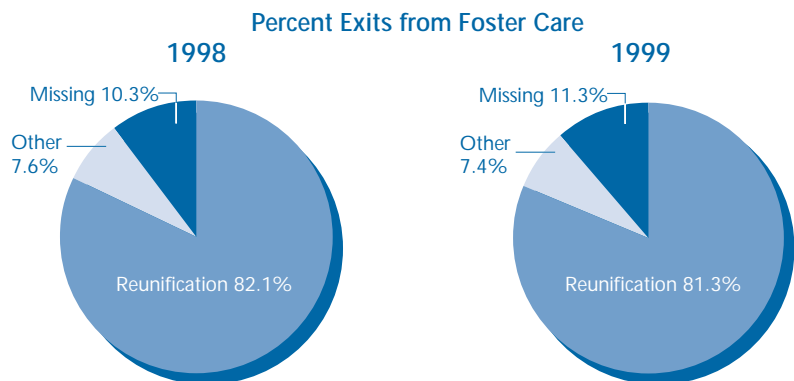
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	82.1	81.3
Other	7.6	7.4
Missing	10.3	11.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,851	2,062



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	60.6	69.9
Other	19.2	15.6
Missing	20.2	14.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	208	173

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	77.7	74.1
Other	12.9	12.7
Missing	9.4	13.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	837	629

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	64.4	63.0
Children older than 12 at entry	35.6	37.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	87	81

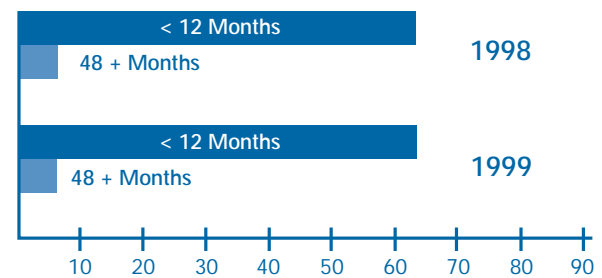
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	100.0	50.0	80.0	60.0	82.5	80.6	88.6	86.4
Other	—	50.0	—	40.0	9.1	8.4	2.9	9.1
Missing	—	—	20.0	—	8.4	11.1	8.6	4.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	7	2	5	5	1,389	1,004	35	22

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	81.5	82.0	50.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	6.3	6.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	12.2	11.8	50.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	1,413	1,029	2	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

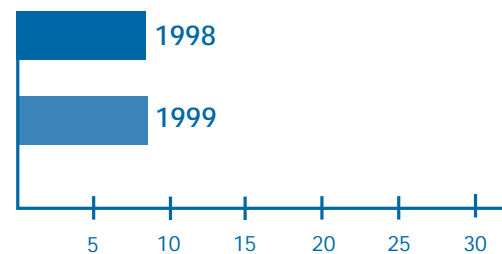
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	63.1	63.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.8	16.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.3	10.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.3	3.3
48 or more mos.	6.5	6.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,341	1,676

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	80.8	81.1
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.5	8.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.2	10.0
Missing	0.5	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,803	2,734

Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

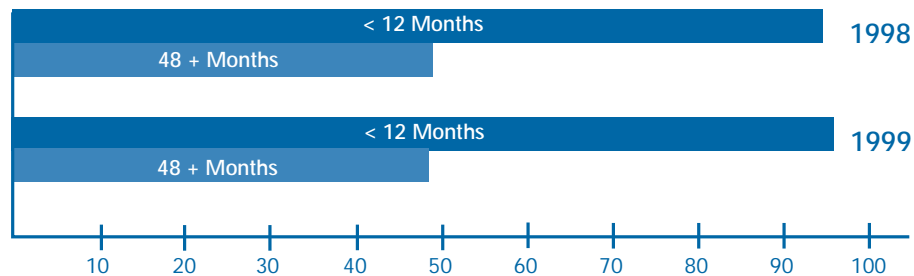
5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	94.7	5.3	—	100.0	3,277
	1999	96.0	4.0	—	100.0	3,078
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	82.4	17.6	—	100.0	1,651
	1999	83.9	16.1	—	100.0	1,357
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	69.6	30.4	—	100.0	881
	1999	71.9	28.1	—	100.0	978
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	69.2	30.8	—	100.0	539
	1999	62.4	37.6	—	100.0	572
48 or more mos.	1998	49.0	51.0	—	100.0	1,689
	1999	48.6	51.4	—	100.0	1,577
Missing	1998	91.7	8.3	—	100.0	12
	1999	90.9	9.1	—	100.0	11

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	2.4	1.8
Institutions	6.2	6.9
Other settings	88.1	87.8
Missing	3.3	3.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,929	1,876

Alabama

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	192,261	196,825	Child maltreatment victims	7,138	6,032
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	—
Alaska Native/American Indian	22.8	23.2	Children adopted	95	137
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.6	4.6			
Black	3.8	3.7			
Hispanic	4.5	4.7			
White	64.3	63.8			
% Child population in poverty	11.3	8.0			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	52.0	41.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,326	10,705	58.9 per 1,000	54.4 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,138	6,032	37.1 per 1,000	30.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	4	— per 100,000	2.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.9	8.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	43.2	42.5
1-5 years	32.1	29.7	Asian/Pacific Islander	1.7	2.4
6-10 years	33.2	32.8	Black	7.3	6.5
11-15 years	23.1	24.7	Hispanic	1.9	2.2
16+ years	3.7	4.8	White	38.5	37.8
Unknown	—	—	Other	2.3	2.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	5.1	8.4
Number	7,138	6,032	Total % ²	100.0	102.2
			Number	7,138	6,032

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	2.6	8.1
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	60.9	56.7
Physical abuse	25.5	23.7
Sexual abuse	10.8	11.4
Other	0.1	0.2
Unknown	0.0	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	7,138	6,032

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	—	—	—	—
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-18 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19+ years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	—
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	—

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	—	—
6-10 years	—	—
11-15 years	—	—
16+ years	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	—	—
White	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	3.6
1-5 years	48.4	53.3
6-10 years	36.8	34.3
11-15 years	14.7	6.6
16+ years	—	2.2
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	95	137

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	52.6	47.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.7
Black	22.1	13.9
Hispanic	3.2	9.5
White	22.1	27.7
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	95	137

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	—
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	—
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	—
Institutions	—	—
Other settings	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

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The Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services is currently in the planning phase of our new Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System: Online Resources for the Children of Alaska, or ORCA. Once ORCA is fully implemented, AFCARS Foster Care as well as NCANDS DCDC data will be submitted for inclusion in the [Annual Report on Child Welfare Outcomes](#).

There is one point of clarification that should be made with respect to the Child Victims element of the [Child Welfare Context Data, Section B](#). Alaska classifies the disposition of investigated maltreatment reports into three categories: substantiated, unconfirmed (indicated), and invalid. The Child Victims element of the [Child Welfare Context Data, Section B](#) includes all of the children who had a disposition of either “substantiated” or “unconfirmed” as victims. This accounts for the remarkably high child victim rate that is reported for Alaska.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,263,404	1,334,564	Child maltreatment victims	8,983	9,205
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	5,608	7,178
Alaska Native/American Indian	7.1	6.9	Children adopted	—	760
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.0	2.1			
Black	3.4	3.4			
Hispanic	31.8	32.6			
White	55.7	55.1			
% Child population in poverty	26.3	16.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	82.8	85.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	60,610	52,611	48.0 per 1,000	39.4 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	8,983	9,205	7.1 per 1,000	6.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	8	0.8 per 100,000	0.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	14.8	15.7	Alaska Native/American Indian	5.1	5.7
1-5 years	29.4	29.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	1.0
6-10 years	28.4	27.7	Black	8.8	9.2
11-15 years	22.1	22.4	Hispanic	29.6	31.0
16+ years	5.2	4.8	White	78.9	78.3
Unknown	0.2	—	Other	0.4	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	6.0	5.5
Number	8,983	9,205	Total % ²	129.6	131.0
			Number	8,983	9,205

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.8	1.2
Medical neglect	9.0	—
Neglect	60.8	58.4
Physical abuse	23.9	24.8
Sexual abuse	4.4	5.6
Other	0.1	10.0
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	8,983	9,205

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	3,498	4,300	2,190	5,608	7,798
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	7,504	4,575	4,901	7,178	12,079
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	16.0	N/A	4.1	10.7	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	17.1	N/A	10.1	18.4	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.9	3.7	12.7	12.8	7.2	4.0	5.2	4.4
1-5 years	26.6	27.6	28.1	27.8	28.1	28.5	27.1	26.8
6-10 years	27.4	26.8	25.1	22.0	25.7	24.5	26.0	25.1
11-15 years	29.8	28.0	24.9	26.8	22.6	22.9	27.9	29.0
16-18 years	12.2	13.5	9.2	10.4	16.1	19.0	13.6	14.1
19+ years	0.1	0.3	—	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.6
Missing	0.1	—	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	3,498	7,504	4,300	4,575	2,190	4,901	5,608	7,178

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	4.1	2.9	4.9	3.6	4.8	3.8	4.4	2.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	14.6	12.8	11.1	8.8	12.1	9.6	12.8	12.5
Hispanic	23.9	27.6	27.6	33.3	23.1	27.9	27.0	31.1
White	55.3	52.5	50.2	48.4	55.9	53.8	51.2	49.0
Unknown	1.8	0.6	5.9	1.4	3.7	1.9	4.2	0.2
Not applicable	—	3.3	—	4.0	—	2.6	—	4.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	3,498	7,504	4,300	4,575	2,190	4,901	5,608	7,178

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,375	3,027
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	7	2,439

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.9	5.7
1-5 years	38.0	40.0
6-10 years	39.1	35.0
11-15 years	17.2	18.9
16+ years	0.6	0.4
Unknown	0.1	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,375	3,027

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	4.1	2.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
Black	14.1	11.7
Hispanic	25.7	33.2
White	53.2	47.8
Unknown	2.5	0.2
Not applicable	—	4.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,375	3,027

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	0.5
1-5 years	—	44.7
6-10 years	—	39.1
11-15 years	—	14.5
16+ years	—	1.2
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	760

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	—	27.9
White	—	—
Unknown	—	72.1
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	760

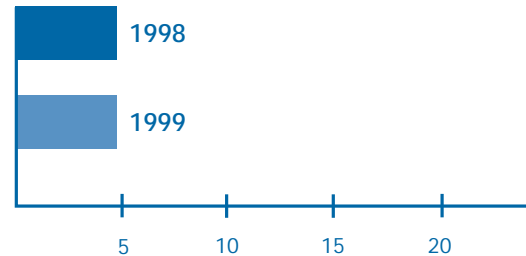
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	95.2	95.2
Children with one or more recurrences	4.8	4.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,244	3,064

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

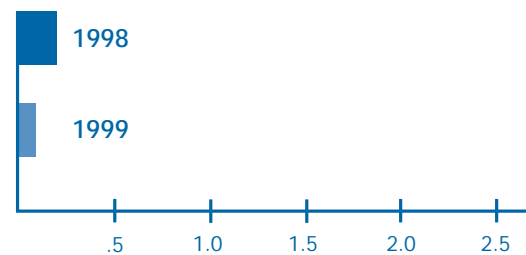


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.2	0.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.8	99.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,543	9,419

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

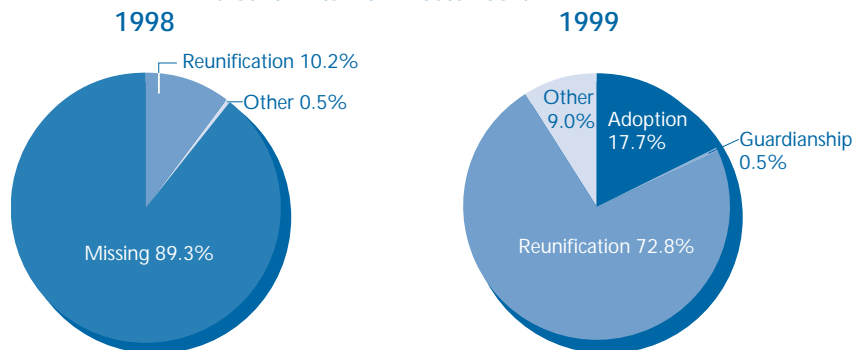


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	17.7
Guardianship	—	0.5
Reunification	10.2	72.8
Other	0.5	9.0
Missing	89.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,190	4,901

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	12.9
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	22.5	80.6
Other	—	6.5
Missing	77.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	40	31

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	1.3
Guardianship	—	0.6
Reunification	7.6	71.3
Other	1.2	26.8
Missing	91.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	567	1,347

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50.0	18.5
Children older than 12 at entry	50.0	81.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4	437

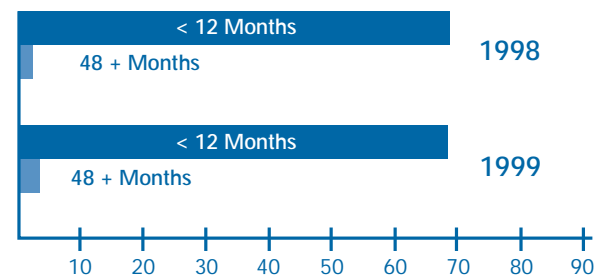
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	9.1	—	9.5	—	22.9	—	17.5
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	0.4	—	0.4
Reunification	16.0	83.9	—	85.7	10.2	62.6	7.9	73.8
Other	—	7.0	—	4.8	0.8	14.0	0.6	8.3
Missing	84.0	—	100.0	—	89.1	—	91.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	106	186	7	21	266	471	506	1,365

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	18.4	—	—	N/A	12.5	—	—
Guardianship	—	0.6	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	10.4	71.9	15.0	94.7	N/A	83.6	—	—
Other	0.5	9.1	—	5.3	N/A	3.9	—	—
Missing	89.1	—	85.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	—	—
Number	1,225	2,636	80	94	N/A	128	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

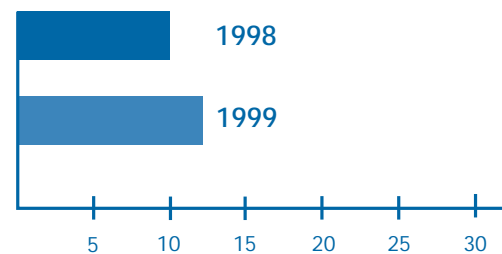
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	68.6	68.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.8	17.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.8	6.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	3.4
48 or more mos.	2.7	3.8
Missing	11.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	223	3,569

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	84.3	85.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.0	12.1
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.8	2.3
Missing	2.9	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,300	4,575

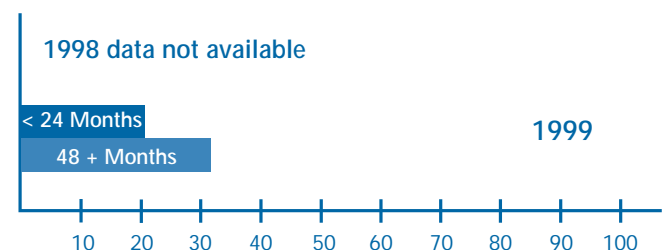
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	9.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	11.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	24.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	23.1
48 or more mos.	—	31.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	867

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

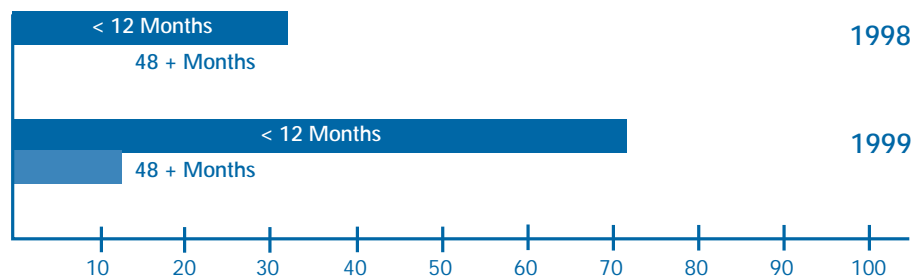


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	32.0	65.8	2.2	100.0	4,496
	1999	71.1	20.1	8.8	100.0	5,131
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	0.3	99.7	—	100.0	1,263
	1999	34.2	63.9	1.9	100.0	2,626
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	100.0	—	100.0	692
	1999	17.3	82.1	0.6	100.0	1,688
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	0.2	99.8	—	100.0	501
	1999	12.6	86.7	0.8	100.0	932
48 or more mos.	1998	—	99.6	0.4	100.0	757
	1999	12.5	87.2	0.2	100.0	1,677
Missing	1998	47.2	32.6	20.2	100.0	89
	1999	64.0	—	36.0	100.0	25

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	6.4	5.6
Institutions	22.0	16.2
Other settings	71.5	59.8
Missing	0.1	18.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,010	3,225

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We are proud of having only the second system, nationwide, to be SACWIS compliant. Even though we have attained this honorable distinction, we continue to make every effort possible to make improvements. The data for Federal Fiscal Year 1999 displayed in this report shows the large advancements made by both our information system and our hard working staff.

With regard to Section E, in 1998 the adoptions included in the adoptions file were not limited to finalized adoptions. Instead a more inclusive set of criteria was used to determine whether a child was to be included in the adoptions file. In 1999, this was changed to include only those children with a finalized adoption legal status. The adoption baseline for 1998 was 474. The actual number of adoptions in 1999 increased to 727 and was the basis for receiving a federal bonus award.

In Section E and outcome measure 3.1, we are aware that there is a difference between the number of finalized adoptions and the number of children who exited care due to the reason of adoption. This was attributed to our field staff not being familiar with our new information system. Numerous steps have been taken to train the field staff on how to properly enter the needed information. Our subsequent transmissions have improved greatly.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	653,721	660,224	Child maltreatment victims	8,578	7,564
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	3,138	2,919
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.6	Children adopted	258	318
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8			
Black	21.2	21.1			
Hispanic	3.0	3.2			
White	74.5	74.3			
% Child population in poverty	27.4	18.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	49.1	45.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	29,572	23,970	45.2 per 1,000	36.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	8,578	7,564	13.1 per 1,000	11.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	9	0.8 per 100,000	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.2	2.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.2
1-5 years	28.0	27.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
6-10 years	31.3	29.8	Black	27.2	19.1
11-15 years	26.5	29.0	Hispanic	2.3	2.3
16+ years	8.9	10.3	White	67.0	56.6
Unknown	2.0	0.7	Other	2.5	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.4	21.6
Number	8,578	7,564	Total % ²	100.0	102.3
			Number	8,578	7,564

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.0	0.6
Medical neglect	4.5	4.8
Neglect	67.2	68.9
Physical abuse	27.5	27.2
Sexual abuse	27.2	37.0
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	127.4	138.5
Number	8,578	7,564

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,490	2,737	2,094	3,138	5,227
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,589	2,489	2,160	2,919	5,078

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	11.3	N/A	3.8	12.2	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	15.2	N/A	5.5	12.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.6	3.8	9.6	9.3	5.1	4.0	4.2	3.8
1-5 years	23.0	23.0	24.4	25.8	27.6	26.9	22.5	23.4
6-10 years	21.5	23.9	23.9	23.2	20.7	23.8	23.6	22.4
11-15 years	30.1	29.4	32.1	31.5	25.1	24.3	30.5	31.1
16-18 years	19.8	18.6	9.9	10.2	20.4	19.3	17.8	18.1
19+ years	0.7	1.2	—	0.0	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.0
Missing	0.3	0.1	0.1	—	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,490	2,589	2,737	2,489	2,094	2,160	3,138	2,919

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Black	41.7	41.6	31.7	31.9	29.6	29.9	40.9	42.1
Hispanic	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.9
White	55.6	55.2	61.8	61.5	63.9	64.4	55.5	53.8
Unknown	0.6	0.9	3.7	2.9	3.2	2.5	1.6	1.5
Not applicable	—	0.1	—	0.3	—	0.1	—	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,490	2,589	2,737	2,489	2,094	2,160	3,138	2,919

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	335	867
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	37	287

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.5	4.6
1-5 years	30.4	36.1
6-10 years	33.1	31.4
11-15 years	30.1	26.0
16+ years	1.8	1.8
Unknown	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	335	867

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1
Black	42.7	41.6
Hispanic	0.3	1.8
White	55.2	54.8
Unknown	1.8	1.3
Not applicable	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	335	867

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.1	3.5
1-5 years	38.4	41.2
6-10 years	38.8	30.8
11-15 years	17.1	20.4
16+ years	2.7	4.1
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	258	318

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3
Black	22.1	40.3
Hispanic	2.3	1.6
White	73.6	53.1
Unknown	0.4	4.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	258	318

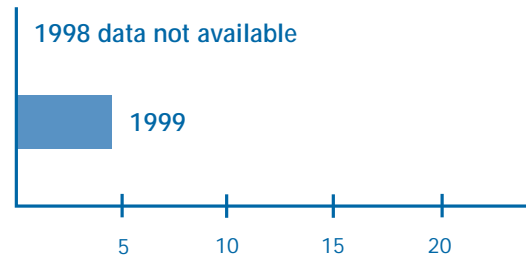
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	—	4.5
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,662

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

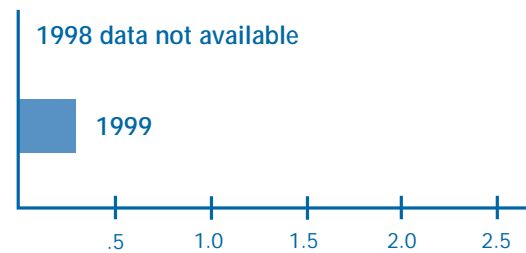


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.3
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,530

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

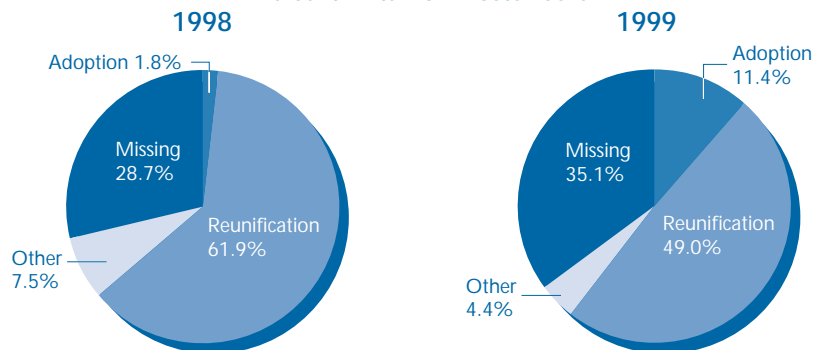


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.8	11.4
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	61.9	49.0
Other	7.5	4.4
Missing	28.7	35.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,094	2,160

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	4.2	16.5
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	63.9	44.6
Other	9.6	4.7
Missing	22.3	34.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	166	278

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.1	1.3
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	45.5	40.1
Other	18.3	11.9
Missing	36.1	46.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	743	673

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	10.2	9.4
Children older than 12 at entry	89.8	90.6
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	49	32

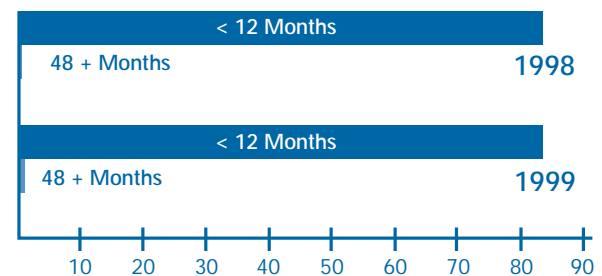
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	18.8	9.1	—	14.3	1.5	15.7	—	4.0
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	62.5	36.4	100.0	28.6	61.5	48.4	63.0	66.0
Other	6.3	9.1	—	—	5.3	3.7	4.3	2.0
Missing	12.5	45.5	—	57.1	31.8	32.2	32.6	28.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	16	11	7	7	620	645	46	50

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	1.9	9.8	—	15.4	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	61.6	48.8	80.6	34.6	N/A	100.0	54.8	66.7
Other	8.9	4.9	5.6	3.8	N/A	—	3.2	3.7
Missing	27.6	36.5	13.9	46.2	N/A	—	41.9	29.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,338	1,392	36	26	N/A	2	31	27

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

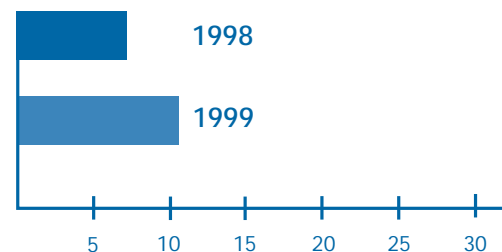
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	83.4	83.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.4	10.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.2	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.5	1.3
Missing	0.3	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,297	1,059

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	89.7	78.7
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	10.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.1	1.6
Missing	3.0	9.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,737	2,489

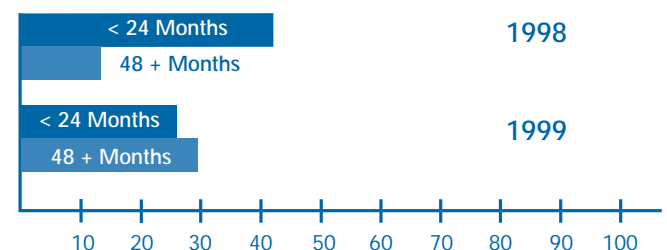
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	7.9	4.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.2	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.1	26.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	23.7	15.9
48 or more mos.	13.2	29.7
Missing	—	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	38	246

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

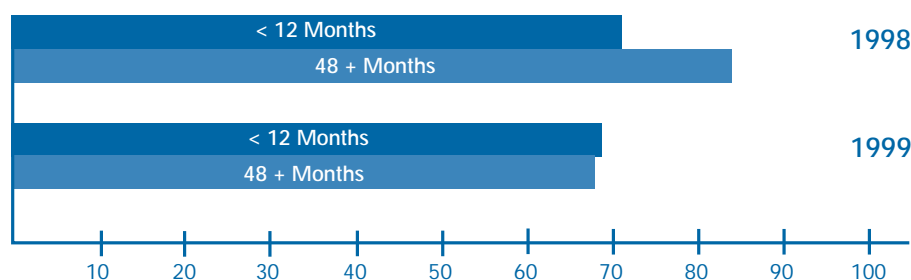


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	71.0	28.7	0.3	100.0	3,112
	1999	68.6	31.2	0.2	100.0	2,808
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	64.8	35.0	0.2	100.0	1,014
	1999	39.9	59.7	0.5	100.0	865
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	72.2	27.8	—	100.0	432
	1999	49.6	50.1	0.3	100.0	617
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	79.1	20.9	—	100.0	211
	1999	54.5	44.8	0.7	100.0	279
48 or more mos.	1998	83.9	16.1	—	100.0	440
	1999	67.8	31.6	0.6	100.0	475
Missing	1998	72.2	22.2	5.6	100.0	18
	1999	82.4	14.7	2.9	100.0	34

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	—
Institutions	8.7	8.8
Other settings	88.9	90.7
Missing	2.3	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,547	1,640

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For the measures under Outcome 3, there are a number of exits from foster care in FY 1999 that do not have “reason for discharge” information and therefore are entered as “missing.” We have been reviewing the problem and will be receiving technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Information Technology to assist us in these areas.

The data in Section C regarding the difference in the number of children from the last day of the Federal fiscal year reporting period (3,138) to the first day of the FFY 1999 reporting period (2,589) seems to be related to client merge and delayed data entry by workers. We have been reviewing the problem and will be receiving technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Information Technology to assist us in this area.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	8,911,372	8,923,423	Child maltreatment victims	157,683	130,510
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	112,767	117,937
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.5	Children adopted	4,418	6,251
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.2	11.3			
Black	6.9	6.8			
Hispanic	41.2	41.9			
White	40.2	39.5			
% Child population in poverty	26.4	20.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	99.4	99.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	413,372	452,887	46.4 per 1,000	50.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	157,683	130,510	17.7 per 1,000	14.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	26	33	0.3 per 100,000	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	6.0	9.7	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.1	1.0
1-5 years	29.0	29.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	3.2	4.0
6-10 years	31.4	31.1	Black	16.0	18.0
11-15 years	25.4	24.0	Hispanic	32.8	37.0
16+ years	8.2	6.0	White	37.8	33.0
Unknown	0.0	0.0	Other	—	39.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	9.0	5.0
Number	157,683	130,510	Total % ²	100.0	137.0
			Number	157,683	130,510

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	8.1	17.8
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	51.9	56.3
Physical abuse	26.2	17.5
Sexual abuse	13.4	9.1
Other	0.4	9.8
Unknown	0.0	0.0
Total % ³	100.0	110.4
Number	157,683	130,510

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	109,819	52,997	50,049	112,767	162,816
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	113,506	43,587	39,156	117,937	157,093

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	19.8	N/A	12.6	21.6	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.8	N/A	14.9	25.2	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.2	3.7	13.6	14.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.5
1-5 years	29.8	26.7	28.5	27.2	30.8	30.5	27.8	24.5
6-10 years	29.0	27.5	22.5	23.7	23.5	23.7	29.1	27.5
11-15 years	24.2	26.5	24.5	24.6	18.8	19.2	26.7	27.3
16-18 years	12.2	15.0	10.7	9.7	20.2	20.5	12.2	16.0
19+ years	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.1	0.4	1.2
Missing	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	109,819	113,506	52,997	43,587	50,049	39,156	112,767	117,937

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.7	1.9	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.2	1.7	2.1
Black	36.6	35.5	22.6	22.4	24.3	23.7	35.4	34.6
Hispanic	29.3	31.3	35.3	36.0	32.3	33.5	30.8	32.3
White	30.9	29.9	36.5	35.2	38.0	37.1	30.4	29.5
Unknown	0.4	0.2	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.4
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	109,819	113,506	52,997	43,587	50,049	39,156	112,767	117,937

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	4,455	9,894
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,915	6,911

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	8.0	4.2
1-5 years	55.2	51.6
6-10 years	26.2	30.0
11-15 years	9.0	12.4
16+ years	1.5	1.7
Unknown	0.2	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,455	9,894

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.1	1.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	1.6
Black	27.2	31.2
Hispanic	29.9	33.6
White	40.2	32.4
Unknown	0.1	0.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,455	9,894

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.1	2.2
1-5 years	61.2	63.8
6-10 years	28.1	25.7
11-15 years	6.8	7.1
16+ years	0.7	1.2
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,418	6,251

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.5	2.2
Black	24.2	19.5
Hispanic	33.5	31.7
White	38.0	42.9
Unknown	1.2	2.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,418	6,251

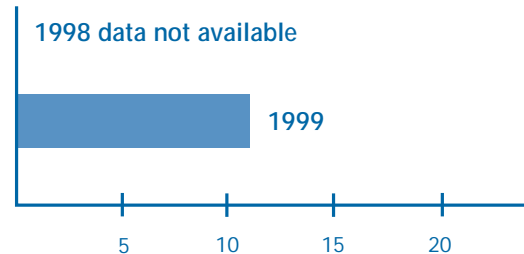
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	88.9
Children with one or more recurrences	—	11.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	60,893

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

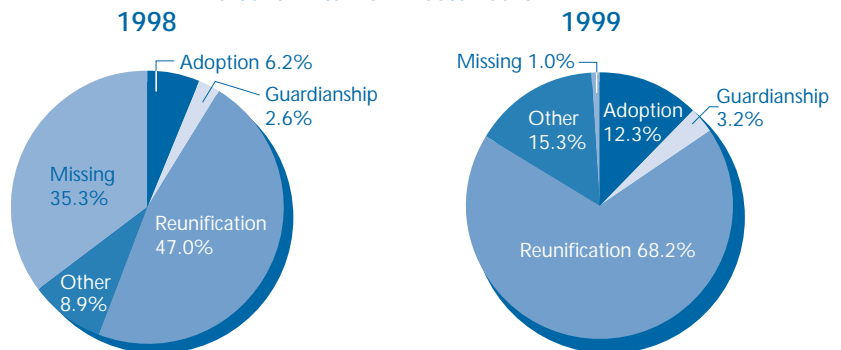
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	6.2	12.3
Guardianship	2.6	3.2
Reunification	47.0	68.2
Other	8.9	15.3
Missing	35.3	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	50,049	39,156

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	6.6	17.1
Guardianship	2.7	1.8
Reunification	46.1	63.1
Other	9.0	17.4
Missing	35.6	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	988	2,228

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.4	0.7
Guardianship	0.9	1.5
Reunification	48.3	58.3
Other	21.5	38.7
Missing	29.0	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13,265	10,278

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	36.2	32.9
Children older than 12 at entry	63.7	67.1
Missing	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,739	3,728

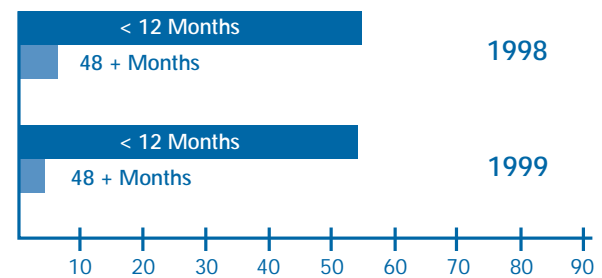
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	7.0	9.2	3.1	7.4	5.7	12.0	5.3	11.4
Guardianship	6.9	5.6	2.1	1.3	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.4
Reunification	43.4	69.0	52.9	78.7	44.8	62.6	50.0	71.9
Other	8.0	14.8	7.4	11.9	12.5	21.6	7.3	13.2
Missing	34.8	1.3	34.6	0.8	34.1	0.7	35.3	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	627	533	1,504	1,237	12,166	9,269	16,168	13,108

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	7.6	14.1	3.7	2.3	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	3.0	4.2	1.6	2.5	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	45.5	66.9	45.6	86.1	N/A	—	—	—
Other	8.1	13.7	5.4	7.4	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	35.9	1.1	43.8	1.7	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	19,009	14,533	575	476	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

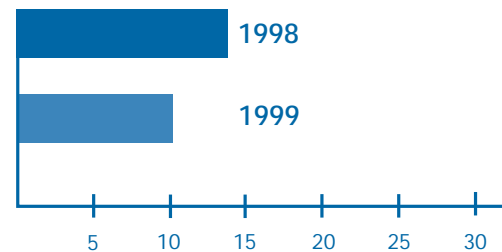
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	54.9	54.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.0	27.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.9	9.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.4	2.9
48 or more mos.	6.3	4.4
Missing	1.5	1.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	23,519	26,707

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	78.2	81.1
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.9	10.2
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.9	8.4
Missing	1.0	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	52,997	43,587

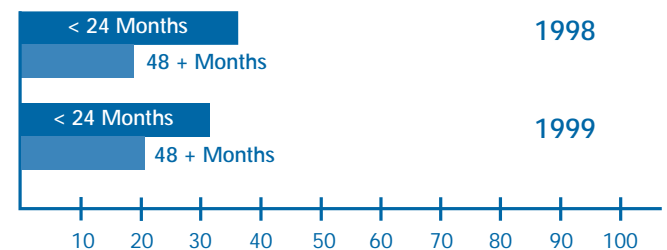
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	12.2	5.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.9	25.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.7	29.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.5	17.9
48 or more mos.	18.6	20.6
Missing	0.2	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,105	4,815

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

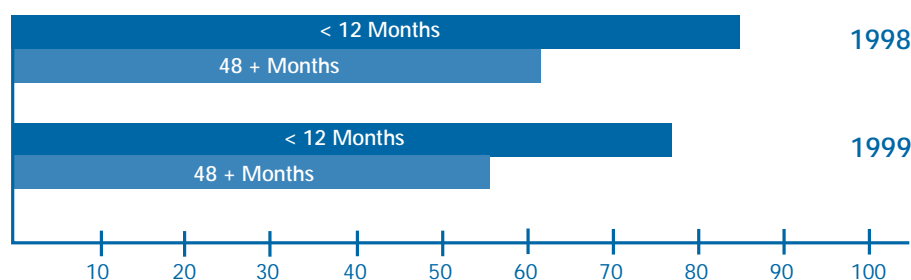


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	84.7	15.3	0.0	100.0	59,548
	1999	76.9	23.1	0.0	100.0	47,401
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	69.8	30.1	0.0	100.0	36,159
	1999	62.3	37.7	0.0	100.0	36,004
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	61.6	38.4	0.0	100.0	18,868
	1999	56.8	43.2	—	100.0	23,460
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	59.4	40.6	—	100.0	11,927
	1999	53.0	47.0	0.0	100.0	13,239
48 or more mos.	1998	61.4	38.5	0.0	100.0	35,355
	1999	55.6	44.4	—	100.0	36,243
Missing	1998	99.5	0.5	—	100.0	959
	1999	94.8	5.2	—	100.0	746

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	4.6	4.3
Institutions	11.1	12.9
Other settings	84.3	82.8
Missing	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	37,818	31,671

California

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,040,580	1,065,510	Child maltreatment victims	7,010	6,989
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	7,951	7,639
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.7	Children adopted	575	713
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.6	2.6			
Black	4.5	4.4			
Hispanic	20.7	21.3			
White	71.6	70.9			
% Child population in poverty	10.6	11.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	86.7	86.1			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	39,141	34,110	37.6 per 1,000	32.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,010	6,989	6.7 per 1,000	6.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	32	2.7 per 100,000	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	9.3	9.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.3
1-5 years	30.4	30.2	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	0.8
6-10 years	32.0	31.8	Black	7.7	8.4
11-15 years	23.6	23.7	Hispanic	22.5	18.6
16+ years	4.3	4.2	White	73.0	62.8
Unknown	0.5	0.2	Other	—	5.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	17.1	20.9
Number	7,010	6,989	Total % ²	122.5	118.6
			Number	7,010	6,989

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	11.7	14.6
Medical neglect	6.5	7.1
Neglect	67.7	70.7
Physical abuse	29.3	27.6
Sexual abuse	14.7	15.1
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	129.9	135.1
Number	7,010	6,989

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	6,006	7,147	5,202	7,951	13,153
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	6,131	7,183	5,675	7,639	13,314
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	15.2	N/A	3.8	11.1	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.1	N/A	3.2	11.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.2	4.6	8.5	7.9	3.6	4.5	4.3	3.7
1-5 years	18.2	18.0	19.2	19.1	18.8	18.8	18.8	19.1
6-10 years	23.4	22.6	18.7	17.7	16.8	16.7	22.3	21.4
11-15 years	34.4	34.2	36.6	38.6	31.3	32.9	34.0	35.5
16-18 years	19.7	19.4	17.1	16.7	28.1	25.9	19.5	19.0
19+ years	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,006	6,131	7,147	7,183	5,202	5,675	7,951	7,639

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.9
Black	17.5	15.7	12.3	12.8	12.6	11.7	16.0	15.9
Hispanic	22.4	24.9	26.6	26.6	24.5	25.6	24.8	26.0
White	53.5	54.3	52.3	48.8	52.8	51.7	52.8	51.0
Unknown	3.2	2.2	5.6	8.0	6.3	7.3	3.4	3.9
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,006	6,131	7,147	7,183	5,202	5,675	7,951	7,639

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,480	1,682
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	974	1,211

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.7	1.7
1-5 years	30.1	28.7
6-10 years	39.2	36.4
11-15 years	25.5	28.9
16+ years	2.8	3.7
Unknown	0.7	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,480	1,682

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.8	1.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	1.1
Black	22.1	18.5
Hispanic	26.5	30.4
White	47.1	46.9
Unknown	1.6	1.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,480	1,682

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.4	4.1
1-5 years	48.9	45.3
6-10 years	36.2	33.0
11-15 years	11.1	14.7
16+ years	1.4	2.9
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	575	713

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.1	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.2	—
Black	20.5	21.3
Hispanic	24.2	23.8
White	50.8	50.9
Unknown	1.2	2.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	575	713

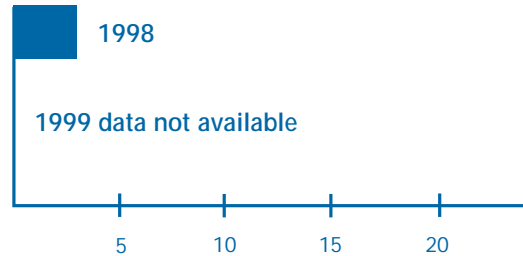
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	97.0	—
Children with one or more recurrences	3.0	—
Total %	100.0	—
Number	3,186	—

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

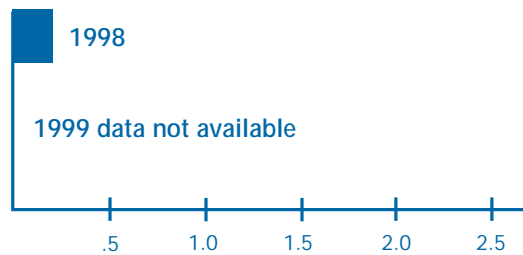


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.2	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.8	—
Total %	100.0	—
Number	12,156	—

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

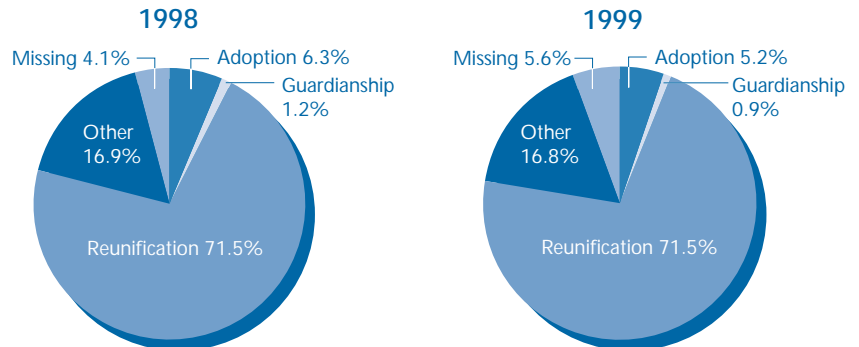


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	6.3	5.2
Guardianship	1.2	0.9
Reunification	71.5	71.5
Other	16.9	16.8
Missing	4.1	5.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,202	5,675

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	5.6	5.2
Guardianship	1.2	0.8
Reunification	68.4	68.2
Other	21.5	21.2
Missing	3.4	4.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,517	1,773

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.3	0.4
Guardianship	0.6	0.5
Reunification	71.0	70.4
Other	27.8	28.2
Missing	0.2	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,553	2,720

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.1	19.5
Children older than 12 at entry	80.9	80.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	262	246

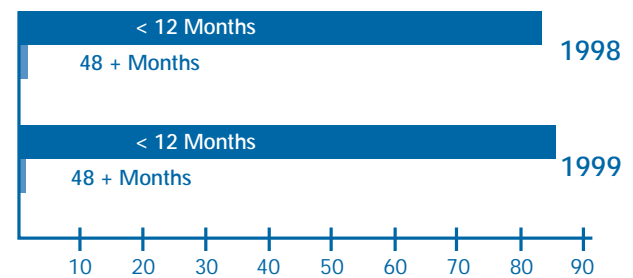
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	10.7	3.0	2.6	—	11.2	10.5	5.2	5.3
Guardianship	0.8	2.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.8	0.8
Reunification	66.9	64.9	75.3	72.6	62.8	65.1	75.9	71.1
Other	19.8	28.4	16.9	24.7	19.0	16.4	15.0	17.3
Missing	1.7	1.5	3.9	1.4	5.5	6.6	3.1	5.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	121	134	77	73	654	665	1,273	1,452

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	5.9	4.6	3.6	2.2	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	1.3	0.9	1.8	0.5	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	70.6	71.5	79.3	85.1	N/A	—	—	—
Other	17.5	16.7	14.9	11.3	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	4.7	6.3	0.3	1.0	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

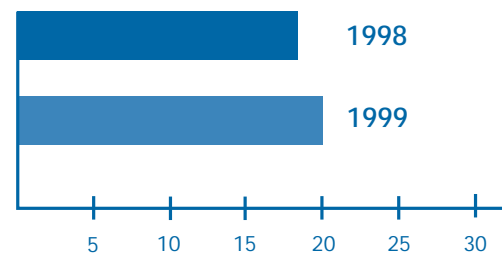
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	83.2	85.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.2	10.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.5	1.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.2
48 or more mos.	1.8	1.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,718	4,058

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	70.4	67.5
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.3	20.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.7	10.9
Missing	0.6	1.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,147	7,183

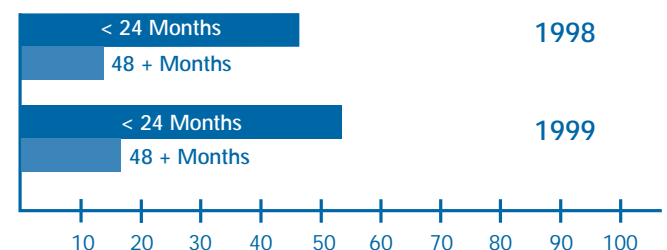
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	19.8	23.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.5	29.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.9	13.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.1	16.3
48 or more mos.	13.7	16.6
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	328	295

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

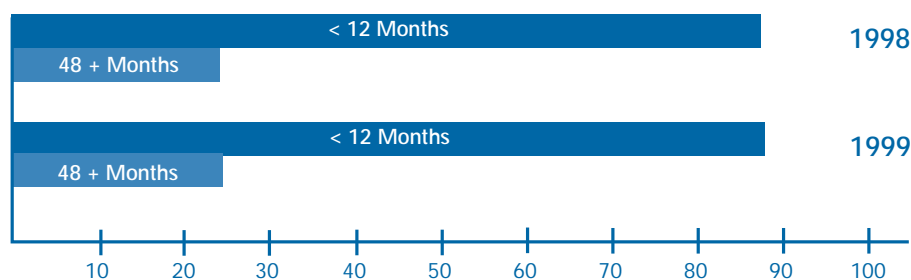


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	87.0	13.0	—	100.0	7,889
	1999	87.5	12.5	—	100.0	8,172
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	55.5	44.5	—	100.0	2,113
	1999	56.7	43.3	—	100.0	2,266
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	37.6	62.4	—	100.0	1,108
	1999	42.8	57.2	—	100.0	915
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	32.3	67.7	—	100.0	774
	1999	33.9	66.1	—	100.0	641
48 or more mos.	1998	24.2	75.8	—	100.0	1,243
	1999	24.4	75.6	—	100.0	1,293
Missing	1998	96.2	3.8	—	100.0	26
	1999	96.3	3.7	—	100.0	27

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.8	1.5
Institutions	7.0	6.2
Other settings	91.2	92.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,809	3,777

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Colorado is a state supervised county administered delivery system that served approximately 52,603 children and 35,681 families during State Fiscal Year 1999 through County Departments of Social Services in 61 counties. The majority of the children served (68.96%) were served for reasons of child abuse and neglect.

With regard to Child Fatalities, Colorado defines maltreatment fatalities based on the following criteria:

- Parent or parent substitute identified as the perpetrator (including all caregivers put in a position of direct responsibility for the child by the parent or parent substitute; this includes babysitters, nannies, relatives, paramours, etc.)
- Classified as an abuse/neglect related death by the state fatality review board. (This may include auto-related neglect and lack of supervision, including suicide by the victim.)
- Victim is under the age of 18.

For Section D, the number of children noted as free for adoption includes children who are in permanent placements, such as children in permanent designated family foster homes, guardianship, and/or kinship care as well as children of the age of 18 who are still in out-of-home care. Therefore the number of children who are available for adoption and still in need of permanent placement is much smaller than this total number of children "free for adoption" would indicate. Data run on the state fiscal year, using a code that allows for tighter screening criteria, show the figure at closer to 600 children who are actually available for adoption.

With respect to Outcome 4.2 - Children Who Entered Foster Care - Colorado views the 20% rate of re-entry of children into foster care within 12 months of the prior episode as very concerning. Efforts are under way to examine the details of this high re-entry rate from the standpoint of both practice and data issues. Case reviews will be conducted of a sample of children re-entering care within 12 months of the prior episode. In addition, a research effort directed at examining the administrative data will be performed to see if there are observable patterns within the data that could shed light on when, where, why and how this is happening.

The difference between the count of finalized adoptions from the adoptions file (Section E) and the exits from foster care to adoptions from the foster care file (outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1) may be explained by Colorado's practice of allowing a child to be placed in a subsidized adoption permanent setting and receive a new "adoption identity" prior to the actual finalization of the adoption by the courts. When this occurs, the child is coded with an exit reason of "P," which indicates that the child was placed for adoption. The value "P" is a non-AFCARS compliant code and shows up as "Missing Data" when the data are run through the Federal code for calculating the exits from care. The majority of the discrepancy between the two files is explained by the use of this code.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	790,715	828,260	Child maltreatment victims	16,923	14,514
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	6,683	6,707
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	229	403
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.8	3.0			
Black	10.7	10.8			
Hispanic	12.4	12.8			
White	73.9	73.3			
% Child population in poverty	10.8	8.8			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	95.5	96.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	40,905	40,714	51.7 per 1,000	49.2 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	16,923	14,514	21.4 per 1,000	17.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	3	0.8 per 100,000	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	8.9	6.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	—
1-5 years	30.3	29.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.8
6-10 years	32.1	31.4	Black	19.3	23.1
11-15 years	23.2	25.9	Hispanic	16.2	32.9
16+ years	4.3	6.6	White	31.0	37.8
Unknown	1.1	0.1	Other	15.6	32.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	17.2	5.4
Number	16,923	14,514	Total % ²	100.0	132.9
			Number	16,923	14,514

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	52.8	49.8
Medical neglect	3.1	4.4
Neglect	86.2	90.2
Physical abuse	16.5	16.2
Sexual abuse	4.2	4.1
Other	7.8	4.9
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	170.7	169.7
Number	16,923	14,514

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,143	5,222	3,682	6,683	10,365
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	5,431	4,964	3,689	6,707	10,395

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	9.5	N/A	6.7	11.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	10.9	N/A	8.5	12.0	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.0	4.3	10.5	11.1	5.6	5.7	4.0	3.9
1-5 years	30.5	28.5	26.2	25.1	27.1	26.8	28.5	26.4
6-10 years	27.2	28.2	23.7	23.7	23.5	23.9	27.6	27.3
11-15 years	26.2	27.8	30.7	31.3	25.6	24.7	28.0	30.5
16-18 years	10.3	10.4	8.5	8.3	16.7	16.6	11.0	11.0
19+ years	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.9	0.7	0.8
Missing	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,143	5,431	5,222	4,964	3,682	3,689	6,683	6,707

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Black	37.0	36.4	31.2	30.2	33.1	30.5	34.6	35.0
Hispanic	30.2	31.1	36.3	37.5	35.3	36.8	32.1	32.7
White	32.5	32.1	32.0	31.4	31.1	31.9	32.9	31.7
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.1	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,143	5,431	5,222	4,964	3,682	3,689	6,683	6,707

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	728	872
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	728	872

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.2	0.8
1-5 years	36.8	32.9
6-10 years	39.4	40.5
11-15 years	19.1	22.4
16+ years	2.7	2.6
Unknown	0.7	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	728	872

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	—
Black	38.6	38.0
Hispanic	25.3	26.9
White	35.9	35.0
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	728	872

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.9	0.2
1-5 years	49.3	49.4
6-10 years	36.2	37.0
11-15 years	12.7	11.9
16+ years	0.9	1.5
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	229	403

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2
Black	31.0	29.8
Hispanic	12.2	12.2
White	43.7	34.0
Unknown	13.1	23.6
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	229	403

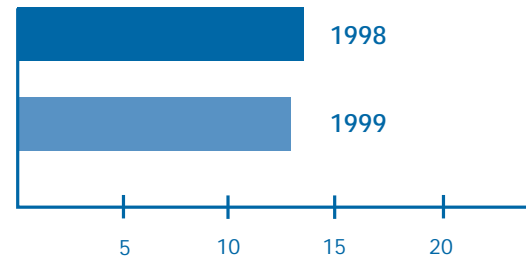
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	86.4	87.0
Children with one or more recurrences	13.6	13.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,958	8,288

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

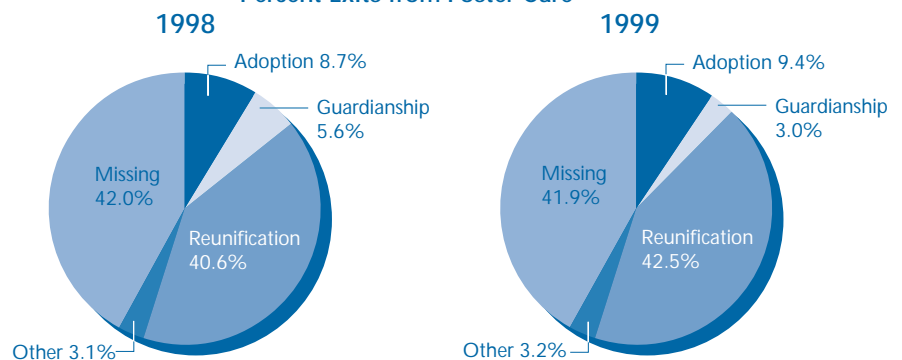
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	8.7	9.4
Guardianship	5.6	3.0
Reunification	40.6	42.5
Other	3.1	3.2
Missing	42.0	41.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,682	3,689

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	1.8
Guardianship	—	0.9
Reunification	39.1	33.0
Other	6.4	2.8
Missing	54.5	61.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	110	109

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.1	1.4
Guardianship	1.3	0.6
Reunification	20.2	22.1
Other	8.6	9.0
Missing	68.7	66.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,218	1,125

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	5.6	5.1
Children older than 12 at entry	94.4	94.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	36	39

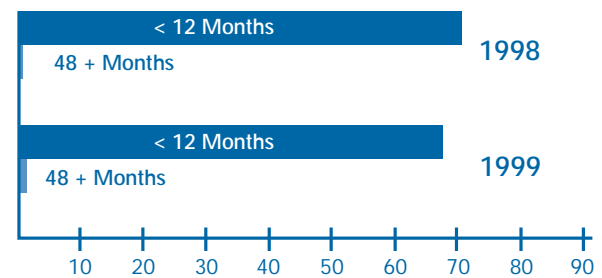
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	10.0	12.3	9.9	4.9	5.9
Guardianship	7.1	—	—	10.0	6.4	3.6	6.1	2.5
Reunification	64.3	80.0	80.0	60.0	39.1	39.8	45.4	48.2
Other	—	—	—	20.0	3.4	3.4	2.2	1.9
Missing	28.6	20.0	20.0	—	38.8	43.4	41.3	41.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	14	15	5	10	1,218	1,126	1,301	1,359

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.4	13.2	—	—	N/A	50.0	—	—
Guardianship	4.0	3.1	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	36.2	37.8	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	3.9	4.5	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	46.5	41.5	—	—	N/A	50.0	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	—	—	N/A	100.0	—	—
Number	1,144	1,177	—	—	N/A	2	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

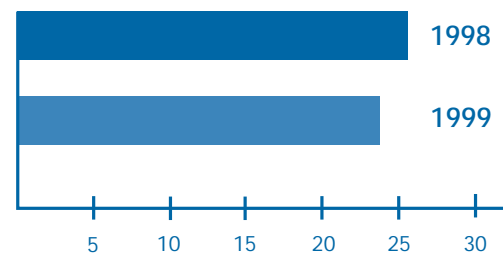
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	70.9	67.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.3	19.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	7.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	3.6
48 or more mos.	1.0	1.7
Missing	1.2	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,494	1,566

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	68.3	70.5
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	25.6	23.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.5	5.7
Missing	0.5	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,222	4,964

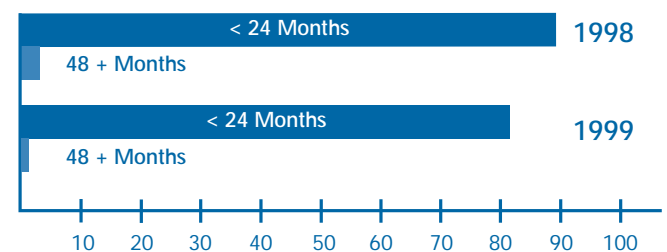
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	55.1	50.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.0	31.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.2	15.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	1.4
48 or more mos.	3.1	1.1
Missing	5.0	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	321	348

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

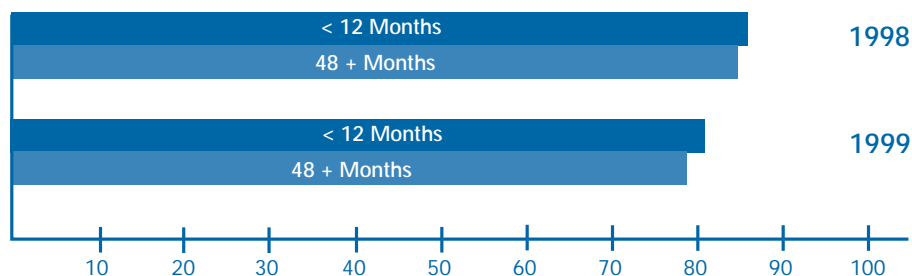


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	85.3	14.7	—	100.0	5,963
	1999	80.8	19.2	—	100.0	5,647
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	76.1	23.9	—	100.0	2,273
	1999	71.8	28.2	—	100.0	2,422
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	75.7	24.3	—	100.0	1,119
	1999	67.1	32.9	—	100.0	1,191
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	79.1	20.9	—	100.0	488
	1999	68.3	31.7	—	100.0	574
48 or more mos.	1998	84.2	15.8	—	100.0	412
	1999	78.6	21.4	—	100.0	504
Missing	1998	90.9	9.1	—	100.0	110
	1999	87.7	12.3	—	100.0	57

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	0.5	0.7
Institutions	7.4	7.0
Other settings	92.1	92.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,374	3,298

Connecticut

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	179,071	182,450	Child maltreatment victims	2,894	2,111
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	1,480	1,193
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	62	33
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.2	2.3			
Black	23.7	24.0			
Hispanic	5.2	5.5			
White	68.7	67.9			
% Child population in poverty	16.6	17.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	82.6	81.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,693	8,330	54.1 per 1,000	45.7 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	2,894	2,111	16.2 per 1,000	11.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	3	1.7 per 100,000	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.4	5.4	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.1
1-5 years	28.7	25.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.5
6-10 years	33.4	33.0	Black	48.3	44.6
11-15 years	23.8	25.6	Hispanic	4.9	7.9
16+ years	8.5	8.8	White	50.3	52.4
Unknown	0.0	1.4	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.5	0.9
Number	2,894	2,111	Total % ²	104.9	106.5
			Number	2,894	2,111

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	16.2	15.5
Medical neglect	2.6	1.8
Neglect	39.4	37.5
Physical abuse	25.4	25.3
Sexual abuse	8.6	11.1
Other	7.8	9.0
Unknown	0.1	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.2
Number	2,894	2,111

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	781	1,023	333	1,480	1,804
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,002	1,002	811	1,193	2,004
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	12.7	N/A	3.5	9.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11.5	N/A	3.7	12.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.6	4.2	7.7	11.1	—	4.8	3.6	4.5
1-5 years	21.5	25.0	18.0	15.5	—	17.5	24.6	23.0
6-10 years	23.3	26.3	17.0	14.7	—	18.0	25.0	22.9
11-15 years	26.2	25.0	30.2	29.8	29.1	20.7	26.4	28.0
16-18 years	23.3	19.4	27.1	28.9	70.6	38.3	19.9	21.4
19+ years	—	0.2	—	—	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	781	1,002	1,023	1,002	333	811	1,480	1,193

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.1	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	0.3	—	0.2	—	0.1
Black	58.0	62.5	59.4	59.8	59.5	58.2	58.6	63.1
Hispanic	4.7	6.4	5.7	6.6	6.0	5.5	5.1	7.1
White	32.3	30.6	30.7	32.8	32.4	34.8	31.2	29.7
Unknown	5.0	0.5	4.0	0.5	2.1	1.2	4.9	—
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	781	1,002	1,023	1,002	333	811	1,480	1,193

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	138	271
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	123

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.4	0.7
1-5 years	39.1	40.2
6-10 years	45.7	45.8
11-15 years	13.0	12.9
16+ years	0.7	0.4
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	138	271

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	57.2	66.8
Hispanic	5.8	6.3
White	26.8	26.9
Unknown	10.1	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	138	271

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	38.7	57.6
6-10 years	46.8	42.4
11-15 years	14.5	—
16+ years	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	62	33

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	51.6	39.4
Hispanic	8.1	6.1
White	14.5	51.5
Unknown	25.8	3.0
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	62	33

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

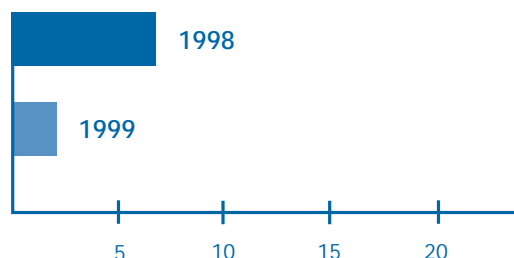
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

(NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	93.1	97.9
Children with one or more recurrences	6.9	2.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,506	1,070

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



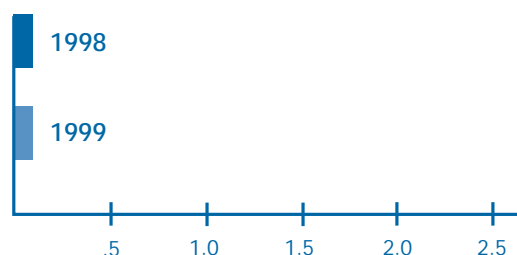
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.1	0.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.9	99.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,730	1,869

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care



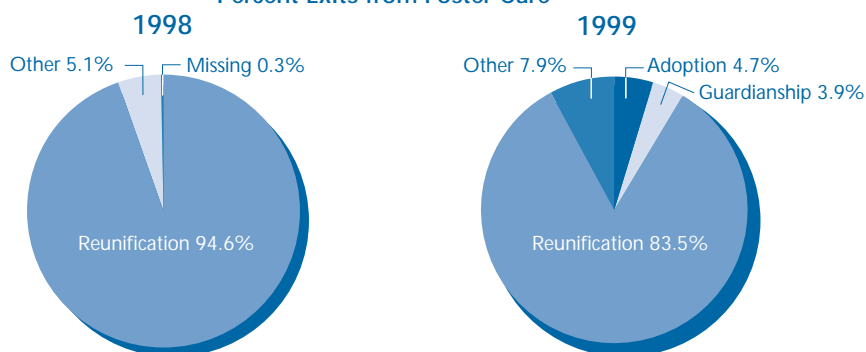
3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	4.7
Guardianship	—	3.9
Reunification	94.6	83.5
Other	5.1	7.9
Missing	0.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	333	811

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	1.6
Guardianship	—	8.2
Reunification	93.3	80.3
Other	6.7	9.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	30	61

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	2.4
Reunification	94.5	84.3
Other	5.2	13.3
Missing	0.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	325	414

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	17.0
Children older than 12 at entry	100.0	83.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3	47

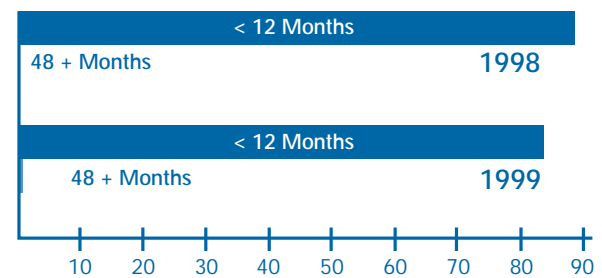
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	4.2	—	4.4
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	3.4	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	100.0	94.9	84.7	95.0	86.7
Other	—	—	—	—	4.5	7.6	5.0	8.9
Missing	—	—	—	—	0.5	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	—	—	—	2	198	472	20	45

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	4.6	—	30.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	5.7	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	94.4	81.6	85.7	60.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	5.6	8.2	14.3	10.0	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	108	282	7	10	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

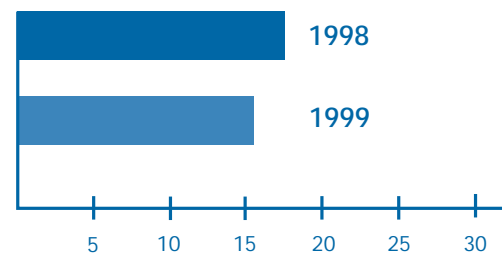
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	88.6	83.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	6.7	12.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.3	2.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.6
48 or more mos.	—	0.6
Missing	3.2	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	315	677

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	75.3	72.8
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.5	15.5
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.9	10.2
Missing	3.3	1.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,023	1,002

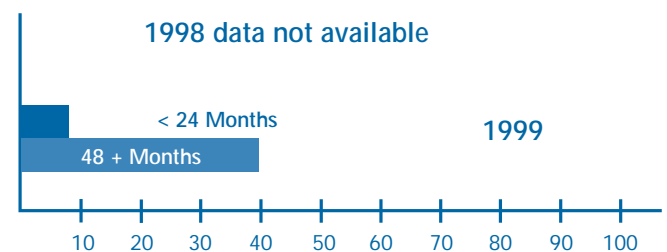
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	7.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	26.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	26.3
48 or more mos.	—	39.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	38

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

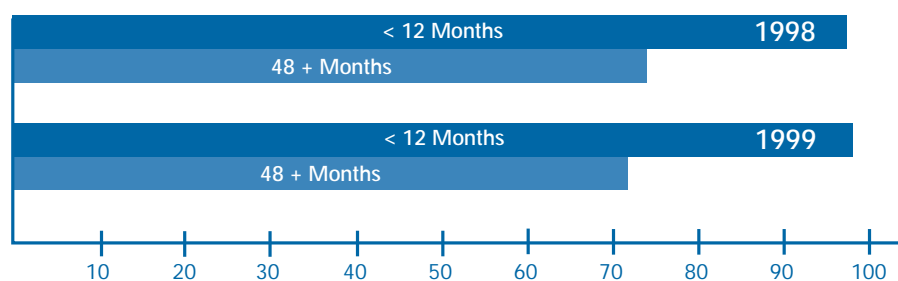


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	97.7	2.3	—	100.0	1,111
	1999	97.7	2.3	—	100.0	1,192
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	84.0	16.0	—	100.0	288
	1999	82.9	17.1	—	100.0	357
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	83.0	17.0	—	100.0	159
	1999	72.7	27.3	—	100.0	183
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	83.3	16.7	—	100.0	96
	1999	71.2	28.8	—	100.0	104
48 or more mos.	1998	73.6	26.4	—	100.0	140
	1999	71.6	28.4	—	100.0	162
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	10
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	6

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	2.4	1.1
Institutions	2.0	3.9
Other settings	95.4	94.8
Missing	0.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	502	466

Delaware

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	102,959	95,290	Child maltreatment victims	4,916	2,308
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	3,397	3,466
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	Children adopted	139	166
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.6	2.7			
Black	75.8	74.3			
Hispanic	9.0	9.7			
White	12.5	13.2			
% Child population in poverty	40.2	24.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	100.0	100.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,862	5,062	95.8 per 1,000	53.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	4,916	2,308	47.7 per 1,000	24.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	5	2.9 per 100,000	5.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	12.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	32.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	1.0
6-10 years	—	31.0	Black	—	63.3
11-15 years	—	17.5	Hispanic	—	3.3
16+ years	—	6.8	White	—	1.6
Unknown	—	0.2	Other	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	Unknown	—	34.5
Number	—	2,308	Total % ²	—	103.6
			Number	—	2,308

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	3.8
Medical neglect	—	1.2
Neglect	75.9	71.8
Physical abuse	8.3	14.4
Sexual abuse	1.9	1.7
Other	13.9	19.2
Unknown	—	18.2
Total % ³	100.0	130.3
Number	4,916	2,308

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,966	1,408	979	3,397	4,374
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,894	1,231	659	3,466	4,125
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	30.0	N/A	13.0	26.3	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	24.5	N/A	17.2	23.7	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.7	2.0	12.0	8.9	5.2	3.5	2.6	1.8
1-5 years	27.7	27.4	34.3	27.3	33.2	31.1	26.1	23.3
6-10 years	26.1	28.6	21.7	27.8	23.4	30.5	27.1	29.4
11-15 years	22.7	23.3	20.7	20.8	16.8	14.3	23.1	23.7
16-18 years	15.3	13.6	10.2	12.5	10.9	7.3	15.5	15.2
19+ years	5.4	5.0	0.9	2.4	10.3	13.4	5.8	6.5
Missing	0.1	—	0.1	0.3	0.2	—	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,966	2,894	1,408	1,231	979	659	3,397	3,466

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.5	—	0.1
Black	96.9	97.1	96.9	95.0	97.0	95.1	96.9	96.7
Hispanic	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.9	0.7	3.0	0.4	0.8
White	0.8	—	0.4	0.2	0.1	—	0.9	0.1
Unknown	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.9	2.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.3	—	—	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,966	2,894	1,408	1,231	979	659	3,397	3,466

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,005	64
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	15	44

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.5	—
1-5 years	39.8	18.8
6-10 years	43.2	57.8
11-15 years	14.4	17.2
16+ years	0.8	—
Unknown	0.3	6.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,005	64

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	97.3	98.4
Hispanic	—	—
White	1.3	1.6
Unknown	1.4	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,005	64

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	0.6
1-5 years	49.6	41.0
6-10 years	33.8	42.8
11-15 years	14.4	13.9
16+ years	2.2	1.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	139	166

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	98.6	97.6
Hispanic	0.7	—
White	0.7	—
Unknown	—	2.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	139	166

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

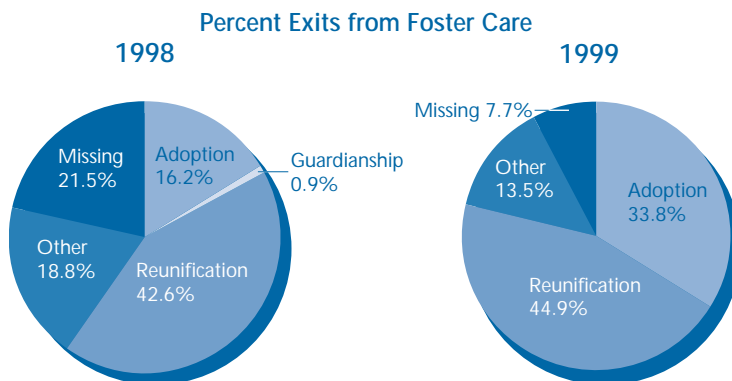
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Adoption	16.2	33.8
Guardianship	0.9	—
Reunification	42.6	44.9
Other	18.8	13.5
Missing	21.5	7.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	979	659



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	15.4	15.8
Guardianship	7.7	—
Reunification	15.4	21.1
Other	30.8	63.2
Missing	30.8	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13	19

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	3.3	21.9
Guardianship	2.8	—
Reunification	22.0	34.9
Other	36.0	33.6
Missing	36.0	9.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	214	146

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.9	43.6
Children older than 12 at entry	65.9	56.4
Missing	1.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	85	78

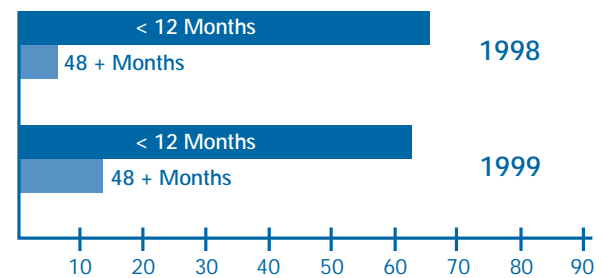
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	16.3	34.4	14.3	10.0
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	0.9	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	33.3	43.5	45.0	—	55.0
Other	—	—	—	33.3	18.0	13.2	14.3	15.0
Missing	—	—	—	33.3	21.3	7.3	71.4	20.0
Total %	—	—	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	—	—	—	3	950	627	7	20

	White	Unable to Determine	Not Applicable	Missing
Adoption	100.0	9.5	N/A	—
Guardianship	—	—	N/A	—
Reunification	—	19.0	N/A	—
Other	—	57.1	N/A	—
Missing	—	14.3	N/A	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	N/A	—
Number	1	21	N/A	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

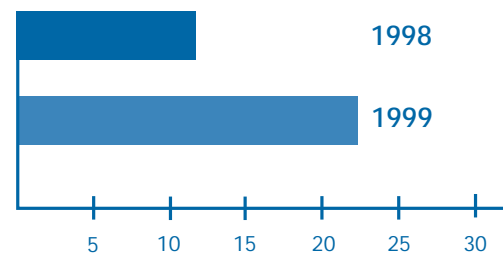
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	65.9	62.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.1	13.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.0	5.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.6	4.4
48 or more mos.	6.5	13.5
Missing	3.8	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	417	296

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	56.0	64.7
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.8	22.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.0	12.8
Missing	27.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,408	1,231

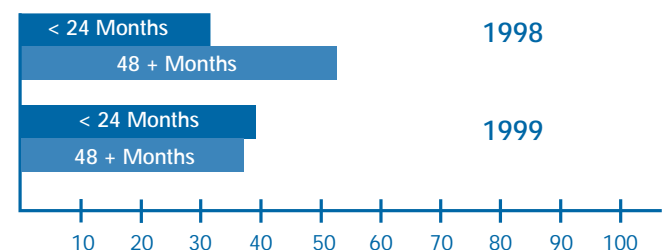
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	17.6	22.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.8	16.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	12.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.1	10.8
48 or more mos.	52.8	37.2
Missing	—	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	159	223

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

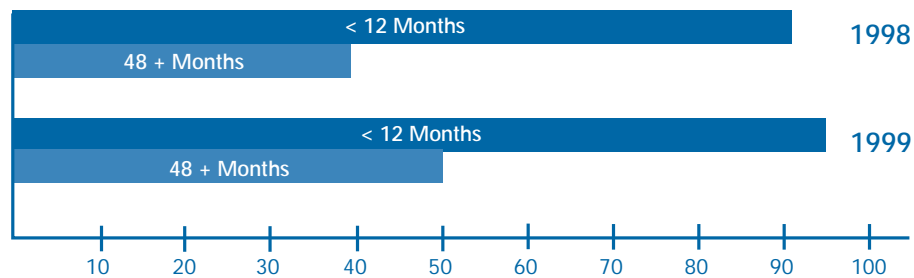


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	90.5	9.1	0.3	100.0	1,510
	1999	94.7	5.3	—	100.0	1,310
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	69.5	30.3	0.3	100.0	704
	1999	84.5	15.5	—	100.0	826
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	57.7	41.3	1.0	100.0	496
	1999	71.7	28.3	—	100.0	537
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	50.5	49.2	0.3	100.0	390
	1999	63.3	36.7	—	100.0	371
48 or more mos.	1998	39.1	60.9	—	100.0	1,247
	1999	50.0	50.0	—	100.0	1,067
Missing	1998	85.2	7.4	7.4	100.0	27
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	14

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	8.3	4.2
Institutions	11.0	12.5
Other settings	80.2	83.3
Missing	0.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,017	814

District of Columbia [STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	3,539,932	3,569,878	Child maltreatment victims	82,119	67,530
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	26,320	34,292
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	1,549	1,355
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.9	2.0			
Black	21.1	21.2			
Hispanic	17.0	17.5			
White	59.7	59.0			
% Child population in poverty	22.1	18.4			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	95.0	95.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	186,967	160,686	52.8 per 1,000	45.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	82,119	67,530	23.2 per 1,000	18.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	54	57	1.5 per 100,000	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	9.3	9.6	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
1-5 years	31.2	30.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
6-10 years	30.7	30.5	Black	31.8	31.9
11-15 years	23.4	23.7	Hispanic	7.6	8.1
16+ years	5.4	5.9	White	67.0	66.6
Unknown	0.0	0.1	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.7	1.0
Number	82,119	67,530	Total % ²	107.6	108.1
			Number	82,119	67,530

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	3.0	3.0
Medical neglect	2.6	2.3
Neglect	41.5	39.8
Physical abuse	18.8	17.8
Sexual abuse	7.3	6.5
Other	50.8	54.7
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	124.0	124.1
Number	82,119	67,530

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	20,274	13,980	7,934	26,320	34,254
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	21,291	21,118	8,117	34,292	42,409

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	15.8	N/A	16.1	13.3	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	14.2	N/A	15.2	9.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.3	5.2	14.0	14.7	2.3	2.6	4.9	6.1
1-5 years	30.9	30.7	33.6	33.3	32.3	32.4	31.3	32.7
6-10 years	29.9	29.3	26.9	27.8	30.3	30.9	29.6	28.9
11-15 years	23.8	24.1	20.4	19.6	20.1	20.3	23.5	22.6
16-18 years	9.9	9.7	4.8	4.5	12.9	12.0	9.7	9.0
19+ years	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.6
Missing	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	20,274	21,291	13,980	21,118	7,934	8,117	26,320	34,292

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	52.7	51.0	45.4	42.8	49.6	48.4	49.7	46.5
Hispanic	4.4	4.8	4.5	5.4	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.3
White	42.2	43.5	49.3	49.9	45.4	46.6	45.0	46.7
Unknown	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.8	—	—	—	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	20,274	21,291	13,980	21,118	7,934	8,117	26,320	34,292

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	4,203	4,610
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	—

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.9	4.3
1-5 years	31.7	32.2
6-10 years	37.3	36.6
11-15 years	24.8	23.6
16+ years	3.0	2.8
Unknown	0.4	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,203	4,610

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Black	50.3	49.7
Hispanic	4.4	4.5
White	44.5	44.4
Unknown	0.5	0.9
Not applicable	—	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,203	4,610

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.8	1.3
1-5 years	46.8	46.7
6-10 years	35.4	34.5
11-15 years	15.0	15.9
16+ years	1.9	1.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,549	1,355

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	—
Black	40.1	39.6
Hispanic	10.3	11.4
White	48.7	48.2
Unknown	0.5	0.7
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,549	1,355

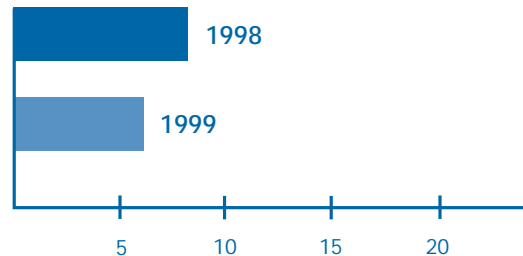
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	91.8	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	8.2	6.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	38,823	37,374

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

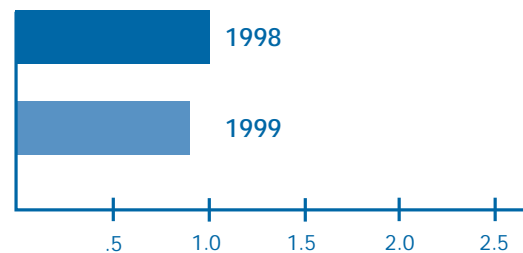


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.0	0.9
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.0	99.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	32,587	40,268

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

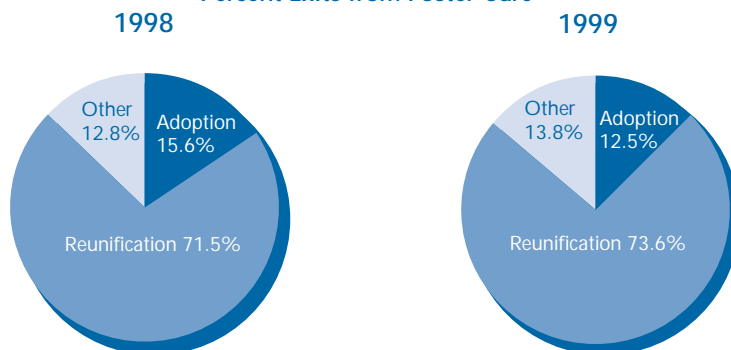


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	15.6	12.5
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	71.5	73.6
Other	12.8	13.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,934	8,117

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	66.7
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	33.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	3.0	2.1
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	53.8	54.4
Other	43.2	43.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,406	1,347

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.8	28.0
Children older than 12 at entry	71.8	71.6
Missing	0.4	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	684	649

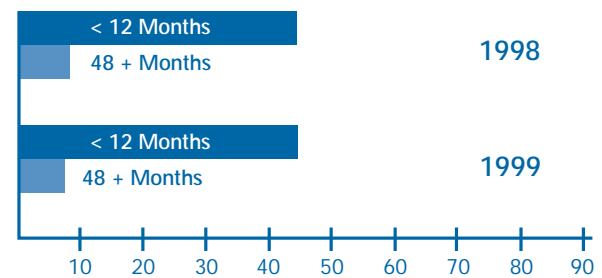
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	6.7	22.2	11.1	9.1	12.8	10.0	11.0	12.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	86.7	55.6	77.8	63.6	74.6	76.3	76.8	72.6
Other	6.7	22.2	11.1	27.3	12.6	13.7	12.2	14.7
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	15	9	18	11	3,937	3,932	327	354

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	19.1	15.0	25.0	22.6	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	67.6	71.2	66.7	58.1	N/A	—	—	—
Other	13.2	13.8	8.3	19.4	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	3,601	3,780	36	31	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

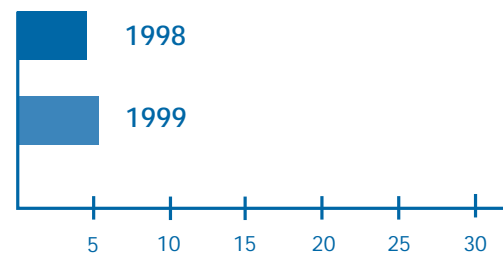
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	44.3	44.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.1	30.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.7	12.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	6.4	5.1
48 or more mos.	8.3	7.6
Missing	0.2	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,674	5,978

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	87.7	87.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.7	5.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.6	6.4
Missing	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13,980	21,118

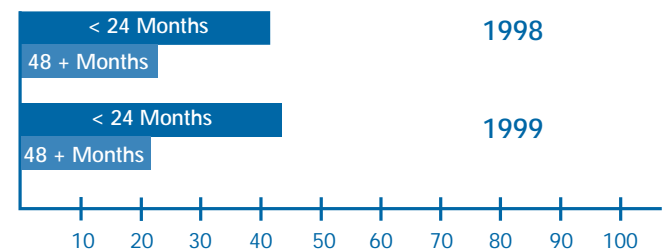
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	27.6	25.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.9	18.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	19.3	17.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	14.4	16.4
48 or more mos.	22.9	21.6
Missing	1.9	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,241	1,017

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry



6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	1.3
Institutions	—	0.1
Other settings	—	95.3
Missing	—	3.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,093

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Florida has a high percentage of maltreatment types in the "Other" category. This reflects the state category of Threatened Harm. Almost a quarter of these relate to domestic violence.

When Florida measures recurrence, the follow-up period is 12 months, starting when all state services are closed.

In Florida's foster care data, Hispanic children were under-reported, children exiting to guardianship were included in the category of reunification, and placement date and number of placements were only tracked locally. Starting with October 1999 - March 2000, Florida began reporting these data.

Annual foster care data are created from the two six-month files for the report year and the first six-month file of the following year. Included in the first six-month file of the

following year are children removed during the report year, but entered into the state's computer system after data were transmitted. However, if discharges are closed in the state system after transmission, they are not picked up in the next file. Due to this, the federal data show higher entrants than discharges and a higher end count. This will be corrected when Florida begins reporting based on transaction dates from its new SACWIS system.

Children in short-term emergency placements who are not staffed by or disposed to foster care have not been included. This artificially increases length of stay. The number of discharges to adoption in the foster care file and the number of records in the adoption file differ because separate efforts have been in place to collect and correct the two files. These discrepancies and the lack of parental rights termination dates will be corrected when the new SACWIS system becomes the AFCARS source file.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	2,022,351	2,056,885	Child maltreatment victims	24,567	26,888
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	9,937	11,991
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	714	1,098
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.1	2.2			
Black	34.0	33.9			
Hispanic	3.9	4.2			
White	59.9	59.5			
% Child population in poverty	25.9	19.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	62.5	64.1			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	74,180	78,734	36.7 per 1,000	38.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	24,567	26,888	12.1 per 1,000	13.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	37	42	1.8 per 100,000	2.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	10.4	10.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
1-5 years	30.1	29.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4
6-10 years	30.6	30.6	Black	47.8	47.4
11-15 years	23.7	24.3	Hispanic	2.6	3.1
16+ years	4.6	4.7	White	46.3	45.9
Unknown	0.6	0.4	Other	2.9	6.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	2.6	—
Number	24,567	26,888	Total % ²	102.6	103.1
			Number	24,567	26,888

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	4.1	3.9
Medical neglect	4.6	4.4
Neglect	62.3	63.1
Physical abuse	14.3	13.4
Sexual abuse	8.3	8.4
Other	6.5	6.7
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	24,567	26,888

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	9,844	3,724	3,632	9,937	13,568
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11,040	7,218	6,267	11,991	18,258

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	23.0	N/A	12.2	26.2	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	22.9	N/A	11.7	18.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.2	4.5	16.5	17.1	4.6	6.3	3.3	6.0
1-5 years	28.4	27.7	28.8	28.9	29.2	30.4	27.7	27.1
6-10 years	29.1	29.2	25.6	24.2	26.5	27.3	29.3	27.1
11-15 years	27.6	26.8	23.3	24.3	23.1	22.7	27.2	27.5
16-18 years	10.0	10.8	5.6	5.2	15.2	11.7	11.8	11.3
19+ years	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,844	11,040	3,724	7,218	3,632	6,267	9,937	11,991

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	60.7	58.7	50.5	49.4	53.9	50.0	59.3	57.6
Hispanic	1.4	3.0	4.0	4.4	3.9	2.6	1.4	4.1
White	34.4	34.3	41.5	39.3	39.1	42.7	35.4	32.9
Unknown	3.1	3.7	3.4	4.9	2.4	4.3	3.5	4.1
Not applicable	—	—	—	1.3	—	—	—	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,844	11,040	3,724	7,218	3,632	6,267	9,937	11,991

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	2,403	2,713
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,394	1,323

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.4	4.6
1-5 years	32.6	27.2
6-10 years	35.5	36.2
11-15 years	24.2	26.6
16+ years	4.7	4.4
Unknown	0.7	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,403	2,713

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4
Black	57.1	58.9
Hispanic	0.8	4.5
White	37.5	30.9
Unknown	4.1	4.3
Not applicable	—	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,403	2,713

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.5	1.9
1-5 years	47.5	44.6
6-10 years	35.0	38.6
11-15 years	14.4	13.3
16+ years	1.5	1.5
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	714	1,098

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1
Black	56.7	56.0
Hispanic	2.4	1.8
White	38.4	40.7
Unknown	2.4	0.5
Not applicable	0.1	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	714	1,098

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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

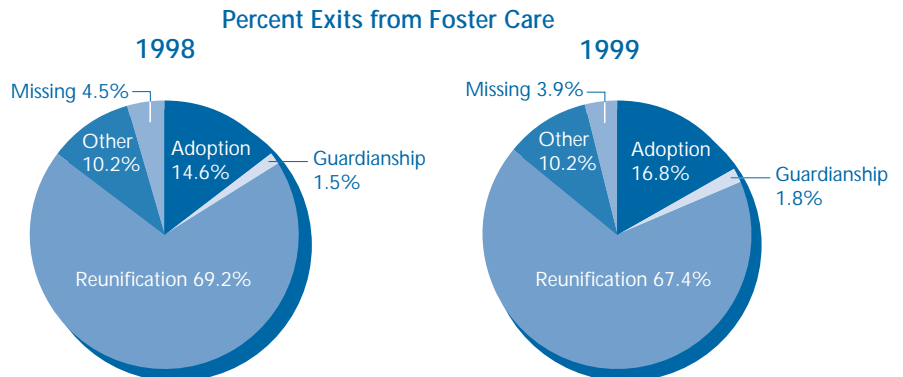
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	14.6	16.8
Guardianship	1.5	1.8
Reunification	69.2	67.4
Other	10.2	10.2
Missing	4.5	3.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,632	6,267



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	19.1	28.6
Guardianship	1.3	1.8
Reunification	51.5	44.3
Other	21.3	20.4
Missing	6.8	5.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	456	619

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.8	0.4
Guardianship	2.0	1.5
Reunification	68.1	68.7
Other	25.4	25.5
Missing	3.7	3.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	783	1,190

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.0	45.1
Children older than 12 at entry	53.0	54.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	232	346

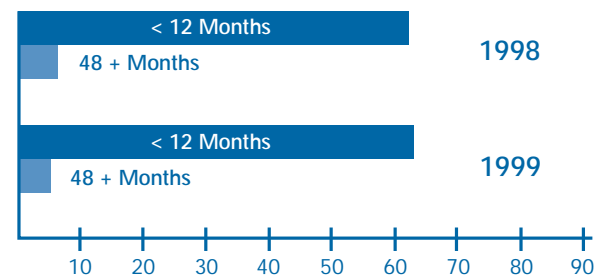
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	30.8	100.0	—	4.8	13.6	15.9	15.4	3.1
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	2.0	2.3	—	—
Reunification	30.8	—	81.8	81.0	70.5	67.0	72.7	82.1
Other	—	—	18.2	—	9.2	10.8	9.8	3.7
Missing	38.5	—	—	14.3	4.7	3.9	2.1	11.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	13	4	11	21	1,958	3,136	143	162

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	15.2	17.9	24.1	23.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	1.1	1.4	2.3	0.4	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	67.7	66.8	62.1	68.5	N/A	—	—	—
Other	12.2	10.7	3.4	3.7	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	3.9	3.2	8.0	4.4	N/A	—	—	100.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	100.0
Number	1,420	2,673	87	270	N/A	—	—	1

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

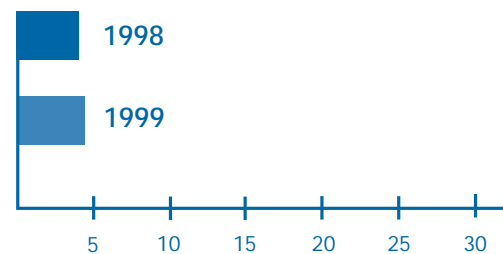
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	62.1	63.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.4	16.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.6	6.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.3	3.0
48 or more mos.	6.4	5.3
Missing	2.2	5.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,512	4,223

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	92.4	91.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.0	4.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.1	3.6
Missing	0.5	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,724	7,218

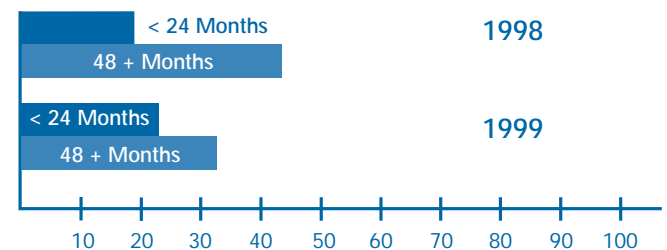
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	6.0	8.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.9	14.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	20.4	24.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.0	19.0
48 or more mos.	43.7	32.7
Missing	—	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	529	1,050

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

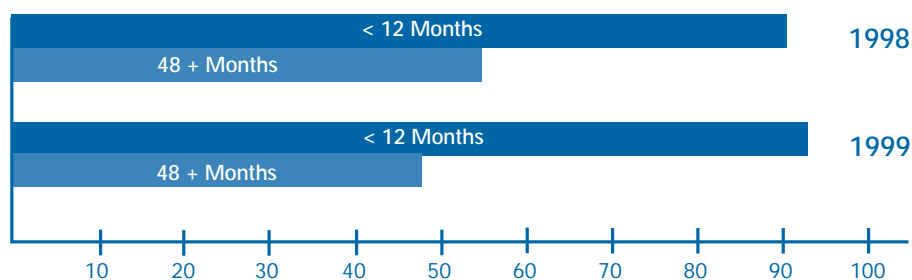


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	90.0	10.0	—	100.0	4,141
	1999	92.3	7.7	—	100.0	7,733
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	77.1	22.9	—	100.0	2,787
	1999	72.2	27.6	0.2	100.0	3,036
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	70.4	29.6	—	100.0	2,039
	1999	64.2	35.7	0.0	100.0	2,133
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	64.5	35.5	—	100.0	1,423
	1999	55.9	43.9	0.2	100.0	1,514
48 or more mos.	1998	54.8	45.2	—	100.0	3,105
	1999	47.7	52.2	0.1	100.0	3,496
Missing	1998	97.3	2.7	—	100.0	73
	1999	96.8	3.2	—	100.0	346

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	5.8	3.9
Institutions	5.7	8.1
Other settings	88.5	88.0
Missing	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,946	5,564

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Georgia did not provide data that could be used to calculate outcome measures 1.1 or 2.1 because Georgia does not have a SACWIS system that allows for tracking of "unique" children.

The data in Section C indicate that there were 1,103 more children in care on October 1, 1998 (11,040) than there were on September 30, 1998 (9,937), that 3,724 children entered care in FY 1998 and 7,218 children entered care in FY 1999 and that 3,632 children exited care in 1998 and 6,267 children exited care in 1999. In Federal FY 1998 our legacy system failed to properly calculate discharge dates and removal dates causing these data to be inaccurate.

Georgia is currently restoring and reconfiguring the data in order to resubmit the corrected data in the future. The flaw in the system was discovered and corrected by submission of the 2001A file. The 99A and 99B files have previously been restored and resubmitted.

Georgia does not have a SACWIS system in place and will continue to utilize the legacy computer systems to comply with State and Federal reporting requirements. Georgia annually updates our legacy systems in order to meet our needs and stay current with federal requirements. Georgia will continue our efforts to provide consistent and accurate data while developing the SACWIS system.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	298,327	289,340	Child maltreatment victims	2,185	2,669
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	2,441	2,203
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.4	Children adopted	301	281
Asian/Pacific Islander	62.2	62.8			
Black	2.7	2.5			
Hispanic	11.4	11.5			
White	23.3	22.8			
% Child population in poverty	21.0	13.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	73.3	72.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	3,568	4,646	12.0 per 1,000	16.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	2,185	2,669	7.3 per 1,000	9.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	5	1.0 per 100,000	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	13.2	13.4	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.0	0.9
1-5 years	28.5	27.5	Asian/Pacific Islander	59.8	61.9
6-10 years	27.8	28.6	Black	21.1	2.5
11-15 years	23.2	23.4	Hispanic	1.6	2.0
16+ years	5.6	5.9	White	15.1	12.1
Unknown	1.6	1.2	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.5	22.6
Number	2,185	2,669	Total % ²	100.0	102.0
			Number	2,185	2,669

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	2.0	1.6
Medical neglect	1.1	0.6
Neglect	8.3	8.1
Physical abuse	10.4	6.5
Sexual abuse	6.6	5.3
Other	69.2	84.8
Unknown	2.3	—
Total % ³	100.0	106.9
Number	2,185	2,669

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,077	1,774	1,410	2,441	3,851
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,185	1,718	1,700	2,203	3,903
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	15.8	N/A	11.4	12.3	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11.7	N/A	9.5	13.0	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.2	7.4	15.4	14.8	5.1	7.1	6.9	5.9
1-5 years	35.1	32.4	30.2	27.5	32.8	31.6	32.7	31.0
6-10 years	26.4	27.6	26.2	23.6	29.1	25.7	27.2	27.4
11-15 years	22.8	22.3	22.2	24.4	19.2	21.0	22.7	23.5
16-18 years	10.5	10.4	6.0	9.5	13.6	14.5	10.5	12.3
19+ years	0.0	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.0	—
Missing	—	—	—	0.1	—	0.1	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,077	2,185	1,774	1,718	1,410	1,700	2,441	2,203

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.9	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	76.7	77.5	74.5	70.3	74.0	71.5	76.7	76.5
Black	2.1	2.0	2.9	3.4	3.5	2.9	1.9	2.3
Hispanic	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.5	2.2	2.7
White	12.2	13.0	13.8	14.0	14.7	14.8	11.9	12.3
Unknown	5.1	3.6	5.6	7.7	4.0	6.5	6.1	4.6
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.1	—	0.1	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,077	2,185	1,774	1,718	1,410	1,700	2,441	2,203

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	585	627
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	451	542

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.2	3.5
1-5 years	32.3	32.2
6-10 years	31.1	30.3
11-15 years	24.3	23.0
16+ years	9.9	11.0
Unknown	0.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	585	627

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.1	1.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	75.4	78.8
Black	2.7	2.2
Hispanic	2.6	3.5
White	14.2	12.9
Unknown	3.1	1.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	585	627

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	3.6
1-5 years	53.5	57.7
6-10 years	35.2	32.0
11-15 years	8.6	6.8
16+ years	0.7	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	301	281

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.0	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	79.7	80.1
Black	1.0	3.6
Hispanic	4.0	1.4
White	11.3	13.2
Unknown	2.0	0.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	301	281

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

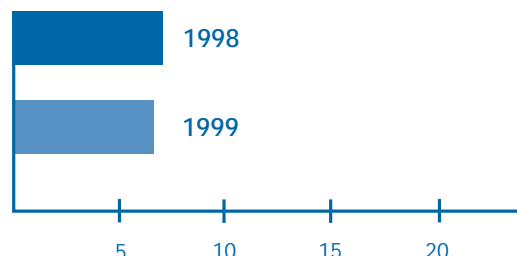
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

(NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	92.9	93.3
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	6.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,212	1,474

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



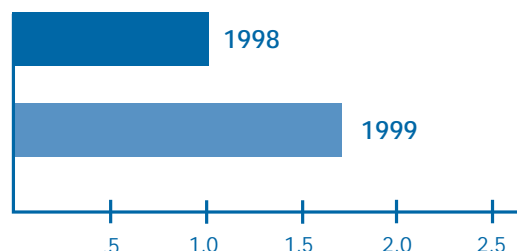
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.0	1.7
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.0	98.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,528	3,434

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care



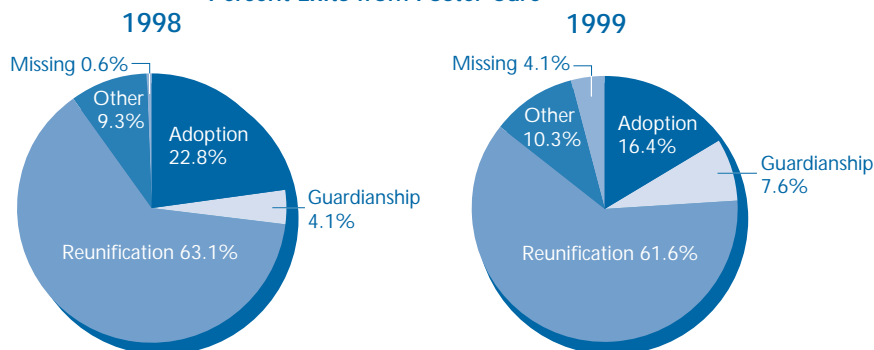
3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	22.8	16.4
Guardianship	4.1	7.6
Reunification	63.1	61.6
Other	9.3	10.3
Missing	0.6	4.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,410	1,700

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	40.5	43.5
Guardianship	6.8	8.0
Reunification	38.5	25.3
Other	13.2	19.4
Missing	1.0	3.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	205	237

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.3	0.5
Guardianship	3.5	4.4
Reunification	64.0	56.5
Other	31.1	29.3
Missing	1.0	9.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	286	386

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.4	22.0
Children older than 12 at entry	79.6	78.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	103	127

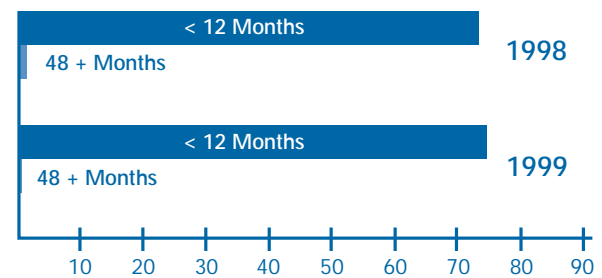
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	70.0	14.8	25.4	17.8	6.1	20.0	24.4	9.3
Guardianship	—	29.6	4.6	8.5	12.2	—	2.2	7.0
Reunification	20.0	51.9	60.9	60.3	71.4	66.0	51.1	67.4
Other	10.0	3.7	8.6	10.1	10.2	6.0	22.2	14.0
Missing	—	—	0.5	3.3	—	8.0	—	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	10	27	1,043	1,215	49	50	45	43

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	15.5	16.3	8.2	3.5	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	1.4	5.2	—	3.5	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	73.9	63.1	71.4	63.5	N/A	100.0	100.0	88.5
Other	8.2	9.5	16.3	18.8	N/A	—	—	7.7
Missing	1.0	6.0	4.1	10.6	N/A	—	—	3.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	207	252	49	85	N/A	2	7	26

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

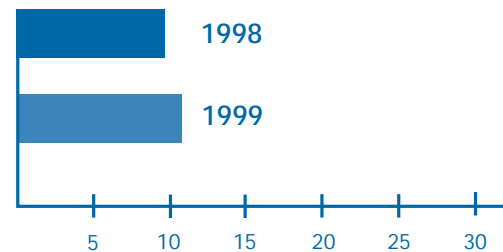
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	73.3	74.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.4	18.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.5	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.6	0.5
Missing	2.7	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	890	1,047

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	79.3	77.5
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.8	10.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	10.8
Missing	1.2	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,774	1,718

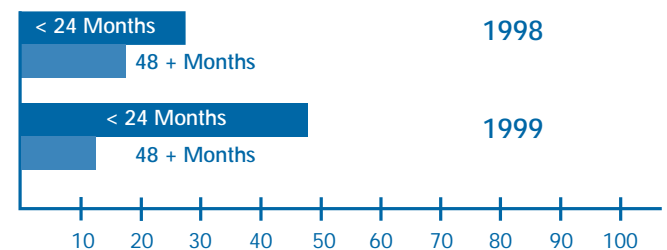
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	7.1	10.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.2	37.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	27.3	21.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	27.6	18.3
48 or more mos.	17.4	12.2
Missing	0.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	322	278

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

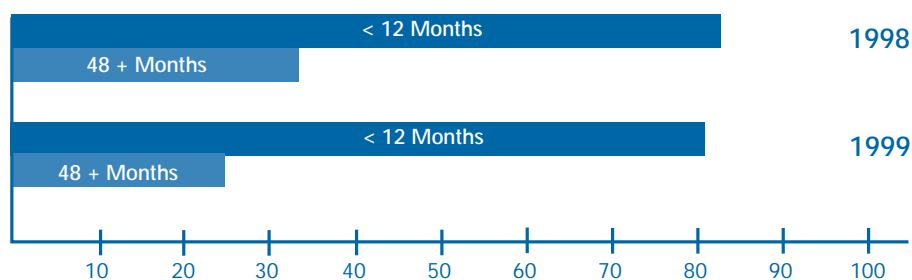


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	82.4	14.3	3.3	100.0	1,923
	1999	80.9	16.1	3.0	100.0	1,957
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	60.7	36.5	2.9	100.0	798
	1999	62.1	37.2	0.7	100.0	999
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	49.6	49.4	1.0	100.0	413
	1999	45.5	54.5	—	100.0	418
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	47.0	52.3	0.7	100.0	304
	1999	31.5	68.0	0.5	100.0	219
48 or more mos.	1998	33.2	63.6	3.1	100.0	382
	1999	24.9	75.1	—	100.0	289
Missing	1998	77.4	3.2	19.4	100.0	31
	1999	61.9	—	38.1	100.0	21

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	10.6	5.4
Institutions	0.8	0.8
Other settings	85.7	90.6
Missing	2.9	3.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,381	1,251

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With regard to Section B: Child Maltreatment Data, two of the child fatalities reported in 1998 involved families known to the child welfare services. Also, with respect to maltreatment type of child victims, the majority of reports made to child welfare services involved “other” types of maltreatment. These reports generally included threat of harm, threat of neglect, or threat of abuse. Several reports include more than one type of abuse.

Regarding Section C: Children in Foster Care, Number of Children – To improve data accuracy, a change in management information system procedures was made to eliminate child removal episodes that were erroneously left open due to conversion errors. This resulted in the closure of many cases where children had been discharged from care prior to the modification. All of these children were reported in error. Therefore, the data indicate that there were 256 fewer children in care on October 1, 1998 (2,185) than on September 30, 1998 (2,441).

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	351,158	350,464	Child maltreatment victims	7,936	2,928
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	963	959
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.2	Children adopted	14	107
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.1	1.1			
Black	0.4	0.4			
Hispanic	10.5	11.0			
White	86.7	86.2			
% Child population in poverty	22.5	21.9			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	33.6	37.3			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	26,682	11,161	76.0 per 1,000	31.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,936	2,928	22.6 per 1,000	8.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	4	1.4 per 100,000	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.8	5.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.5	1.6
1-5 years	23.5	21.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1
6-10 years	27.6	21.3	Black	0.2	0.4
11-15 years	23.8	16.5	Hispanic	9.2	7.0
16+ years	11.8	4.5	White	78.5	55.7
Unknown	10.5	30.1	Other	0.3	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	10.0	41.9
Number	7,936	2,928	Total % ²	100.0	107.0
			Number	7,936	2,928

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	0.3
Medical neglect	—	2.6
Neglect	47.5	49.5
Physical abuse	31.1	29.0
Sexual abuse	16.3	13.1
Other	4.8	1.7
Unknown	0.2	3.9
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	7,936	2,928

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	682	851	572	963	1,533
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	757	999	806	959	1,756
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	12.8	N/A	1.2	12.4	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.6	N/A	2.1	12.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.0	4.5	12.6	9.8	7.0	5.5	4.4	4.5
1-5 years	27.6	25.4	25.7	29.1	30.8	28.4	25.5	26.4
6-10 years	29.3	29.6	25.0	21.3	22.7	26.3	29.7	24.4
11-15 years	26.2	30.4	28.4	28.5	26.7	26.1	27.5	29.2
16-18 years	11.7	10.2	8.2	11.2	12.8	13.8	12.7	15.5
19+ years	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	682	757	851	999	572	806	963	959

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.9	8.5	3.6	6.2	2.1	4.5	4.0	9.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.5	—	0.5	—	0.7	—	0.3
Black	1.9	2.5	1.2	1.6	0.7	2.1	2.0	1.9
Hispanic	7.3	11.4	10.8	12.5	12.9	10.9	7.1	12.8
White	87.2	76.6	83.3	73.4	83.0	77.4	86.3	72.7
Unknown	0.6	0.5	1.1	5.8	1.2	4.3	0.6	2.8
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	682	757	851	999	572	806	963	959

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	149	86
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	97	13

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.7	1.2
1-5 years	30.9	38.4
6-10 years	38.3	37.2
11-15 years	20.8	20.9
16+ years	6.0	2.3
Unknown	1.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	149	86

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	7.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	2.7	1.2
Hispanic	10.1	33.7
White	85.9	55.8
Unknown	—	2.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	149	86

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	14.3	0.9
1-5 years	28.6	52.3
6-10 years	50.0	39.3
11-15 years	7.1	6.5
16+ years	—	0.9
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	14	107

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	3.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.9
Black	—	12.1
Hispanic	—	6.5
White	85.7	73.8
Unknown	14.3	2.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	14	107

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan—Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan—Sept 1998 & 1999)

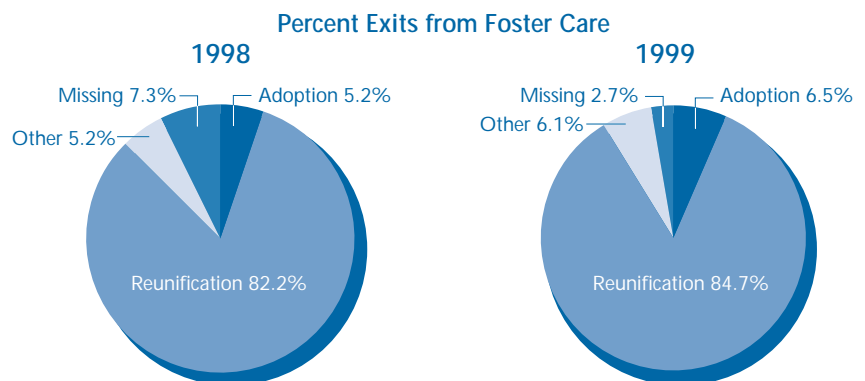
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	5.2	6.5
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	82.2	84.7
Other	5.2	6.1
Missing	7.3	2.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	572	806



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	9.8	13.7
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	74.5	74.5
Other	3.9	9.8
Missing	11.8	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	51	51

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	78.2	79.5
Other	13.2	15.6
Missing	8.6	4.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	174	224

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	10.5	21.9
Children older than 12 at entry	89.5	75.0
Missing	—	3.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	19	32

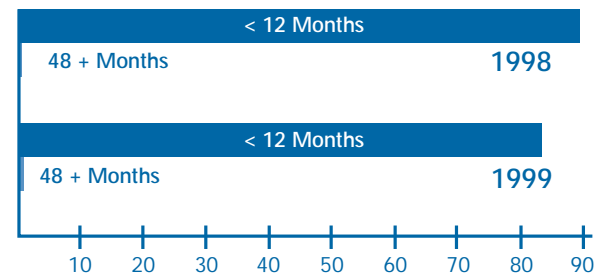
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	5.6	—	16.7	—	41.2	9.5	5.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	41.7	88.9	—	83.3	75.0	58.8	74.3	88.6
Other	8.3	2.8	—	—	—	—	6.8	4.5
Missing	50.0	2.8	—	—	25.0	—	9.5	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	12	36	—	6	4	17	74	88

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	4.8	5.9	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	84.2	84.0	100.0	97.1	N/A	—	—	—
Other	5.1	7.1	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	5.9	3.0	—	2.9	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

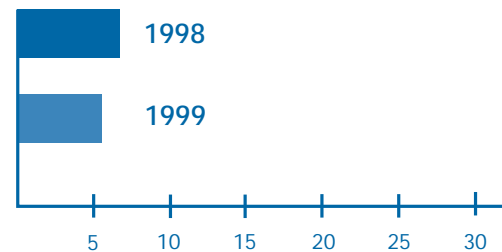
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	89.4	83.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	6.6	10.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.9	2.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.9
48 or more mos.	0.4	1.0
Missing	0.9	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	470	683

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	81.4	90.3
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.8	5.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	4.5	1.5
Missing	7.3	2.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	851	999

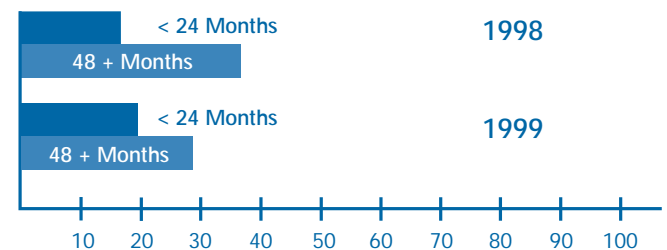
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	6.7	3.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.0	15.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	36.7	38.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.0	13.5
48 or more mos.	36.7	28.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	30	52

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

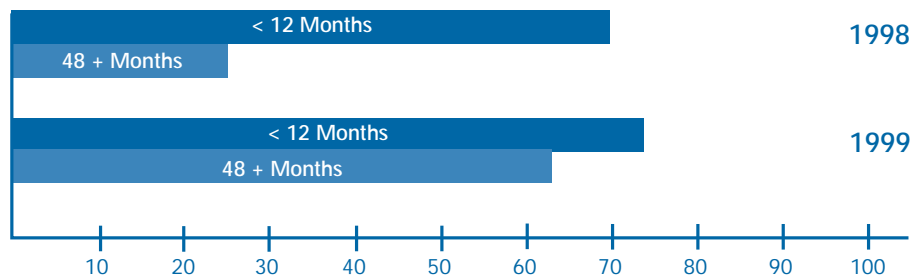


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	69.8	26.0	4.2	100.0	934
	1999	73.6	22.9	3.5	100.0	1,072
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	46.4	52.9	0.8	100.0	261
	1999	53.0	46.0	1.0	100.0	300
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	40.6	59.4	—	100.0	133
	1999	64.2	35.8	—	100.0	151
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	31.7	59.8	8.5	100.0	82
	1999	45.8	54.2	—	100.0	72
48 or more mos.	1998	25.0	69.2	5.8	100.0	120
	1999	62.8	37.2	—	100.0	148
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	3
	1999	92.3	7.7	—	100.0	13

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	3.2	3.9
Institutions	4.4	1.8
Other settings	91.6	93.3
Missing	0.9	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	571	674

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Idaho did not have data available to calculate outcome measures 1.1 or 2.1. Idaho implemented its new SACWIS system in 1999. The capacity to generate reports for measures 1.1 and 2.1 is pending and will be available June 2001.

The data in Section E indicate that 107 children were adopted in FY 1999 (from the AFCARS Adoption Database). However, as shown in outcomes 3.1 and 5.1, only 52 of the exits from foster care (from the AFCARS Foster Care Database) were reported as discharges to adoption. The information for this reporting period was gathered from three separate information systems. We believe inconsistencies may exist because some data did not translate across systems.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	3,187,332	3,181,338	Child maltreatment victims	35,657	33,125
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	48,737	40,270
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	Children adopted	4,656	7,028
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.4	3.5			
Black	18.5	18.5			
Hispanic	14.4	15.0			
White	63.6	63.0			
% Child population in poverty	17.5	15.0			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	80.1	88.6			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	110,658	104,418	34.7 per 1,000	32.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	35,657	33,125	11.2 per 1,000	10.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	58	80	1.8 per 100,000	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	14.6	13.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0
1-5 years	32.8	32.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
6-10 years	29.9	30.1	Black	39.3	39.1
11-15 years	18.9	19.4	Hispanic	8.5	8.5
16+ years	3.6	3.7	White	48.6	48.6
Unknown	0.1	0.1	Other	2.5	11.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.6	0.7
Number	35,657	33,125	Total % ²	100.0	108.5
			Number	35,657	33,125

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.3	1.2
Medical neglect	3.5	3.1
Neglect	44.8	40.6
Physical abuse	11.4	11.2
Sexual abuse	10.1	10.2
Other	43.2	42.8
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	114.3	109.0
Number	35,657	33,125

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	52,134	9,229	12,627	48,737	61,363
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	46,526	7,856	14,112	40,270	54,382

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	35.6	N/A	42.7	40.0	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	40.0	N/A	47.3	40.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.1	3.4	24.8	23.5	1.9	1.9	3.4	3.3
1-5 years	29.9	27.8	27.8	28.7	27.5	27.9	27.7	26.0
6-10 years	29.9	29.6	21.1	21.6	29.4	32.2	29.7	27.9
11-15 years	22.9	23.4	19.0	18.5	18.7	19.7	23.7	24.4
16-18 years	11.1	12.2	6.5	6.9	12.9	10.4	12.1	13.8
19+ years	3.0	3.4	0.7	0.8	7.5	5.6	3.3	4.4
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.3	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	52,134	46,526	9,229	7,856	12,627	14,112	48,737	40,270

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	77.6	77.3	64.0	60.5	69.3	72.2	77.2	75.8
Hispanic	4.6	4.8	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.0	4.7	4.9
White	16.3	16.5	26.4	30.8	22.7	21.2	16.5	17.6
Unknown	1.3	1.3	2.2	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	52,134	46,526	9,229	7,856	12,627	14,112	48,737	40,270

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	23,023	13,909
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	6,066	12,706

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.1	2.4
1-5 years	35.5	35.7
6-10 years	39.4	38.9
11-15 years	21.0	21.6
16+ years	1.6	1.1
Unknown	0.3	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	23,023	13,909

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1
Black	83.3	78.0
Hispanic	4.0	4.2
White	11.6	16.1
Unknown	1.0	1.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	23,023	13,909

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.8	0.5
1-5 years	39.2	36.6
6-10 years	40.9	41.8
11-15 years	17.0	19.0
16+ years	2.1	2.1
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,656	7,028

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Black	75.1	79.9
Hispanic	4.6	4.1
White	18.8	14.7
Unknown	1.3	1.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,656	7,028

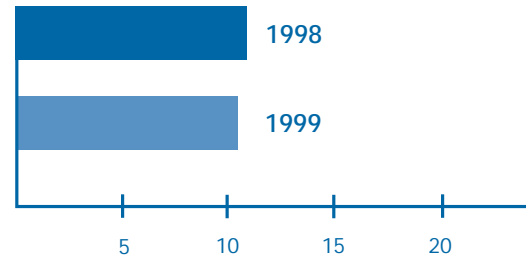
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	89.0	89.5
Children with one or more recurrences	11.0	10.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	16,960	15,520

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

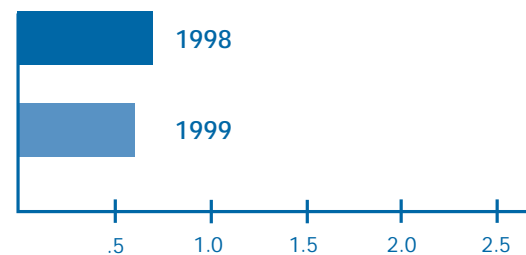


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.7	0.6
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.3	99.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	58,640	51,374

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

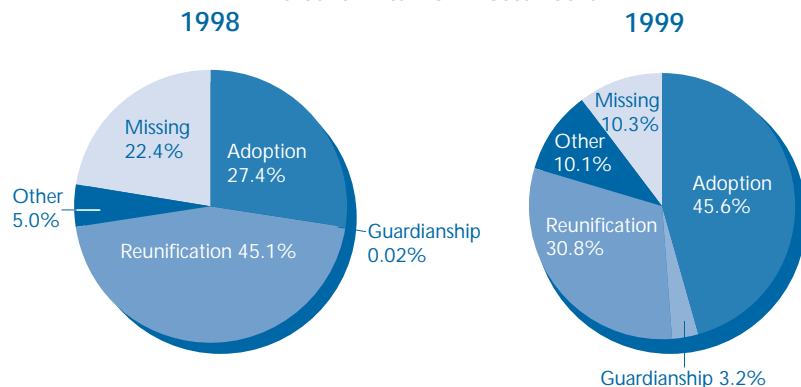


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	27.4	45.6
Guardianship	0.0	3.2
Reunification	45.1	30.8
Other	5.0	10.1
Missing	22.4	10.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	12,627	14,112

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	32.2	39.7
Guardianship	—	3.0
Reunification	29.1	23.6
Other	8.4	20.5
Missing	30.3	13.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,687	2,083

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.7	2.0
Guardianship	—	0.5
Reunification	30.3	33.9
Other	18.7	47.3
Missing	50.3	16.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,296	1,925

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.1	32.9
Children older than 12 at entry	71.9	66.9
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	516	1,234

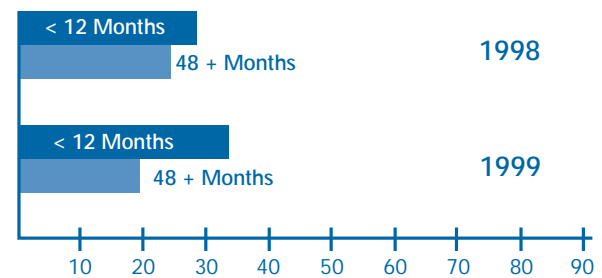
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	13.3	33.3	10.7	17.4	29.3	50.4	22.9	38.3
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	3.3	—	0.1
Reunification	53.3	40.0	53.6	60.9	41.7	25.0	56.3	47.5
Other	20.0	20.0	25.0	21.7	4.9	9.5	5.1	6.1
Missing	13.3	6.7	10.7	—	24.1	11.8	15.7	7.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	15	15	28	23	8,747	10,187	765	705

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	23.4	31.9	26.0	38.1	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.1	3.6	—	0.5	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	51.5	45.2	58.5	46.4	N/A	—	—	—
Other	5.1	13.2	3.0	6.7	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	19.9	6.1	12.5	8.2	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	2,872	2,988	200	194	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

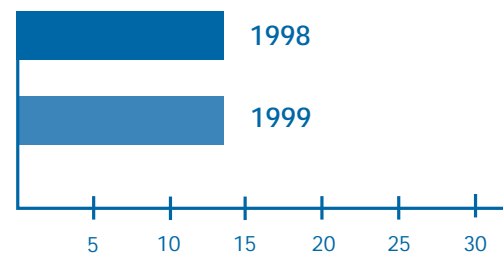
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	28.7	33.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.3	18.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	15.2	15.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	14.8	10.4
48 or more mos.	24.5	19.5
Missing	0.6	1.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,696	4,343

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	78.3	75.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.6	13.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.5	6.7
Missing	1.5	3.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	9,229	7,856

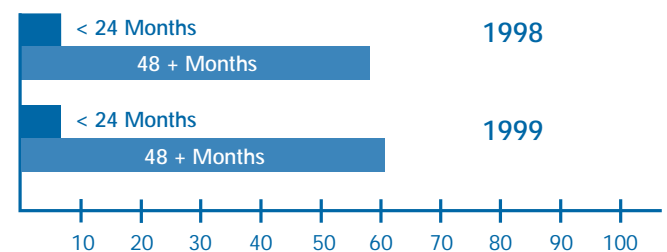
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	1.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	5.6	5.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.1	12.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.9	19.0
48 or more mos.	58.0	60.7
Missing	0.1	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,466	6,441

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

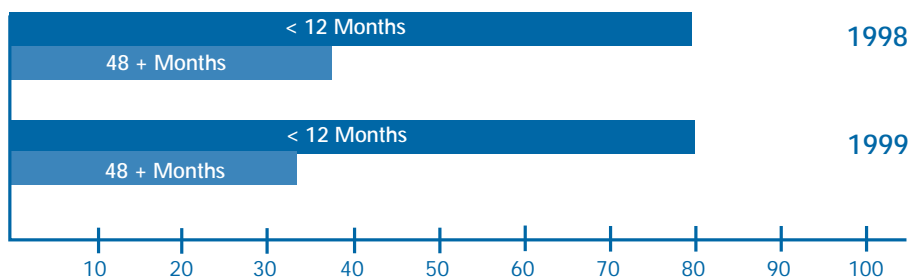


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	79.4	20.6	0.1	100.0	9,787
	1999	79.8	20.2	0.0	100.0	8,223
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	61.6	38.4	—	100.0	8,434
	1999	60.5	39.5	—	100.0	7,467
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	55.5	44.5	—	100.0	8,964
	1999	52.1	47.9	—	100.0	7,131
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	49.3	50.7	—	100.0	9,213
	1999	44.3	55.7	—	100.0	7,059
48 or more mos.	1998	37.5	62.5	0.0	100.0	24,849
	1999	33.2	66.8	—	100.0	24,278
Missing	1998	56.9	2.6	40.5	100.0	116
	1999	85.3	1.3	13.4	100.0	224

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	0.4	0.2
Institutions	3.4	3.9
Other settings	93.9	94.0
Missing	2.3	1.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,376	6,198

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Illinois' dramatic improvements in reducing its substitute care population, and moving children to permanency, are not reflected in DHHS's outcome measures. Illinois strongly disagreed with the methods used to establish national performance indicators during the original comment period and continues to do so.

In March 1997, Illinois' substitute care population was 51,841. In March 2000, the population dropped to 33,527, a decrease of over 35%. During this period, intake into the substitute care population declined from 16,071 to 6,025 placements. Illinois moved over 9,500 children to adoptions or guardianship in FY 1999 and another 7,900 children in FY 2000. Achieving the national standard of adoptions within 24-months will be difficult since a large proportion of adoptions continues to involve children who have been in foster care for lengthy periods of time. While Illinois does need improvements in reunifying children within 12 months, the percentage of children reunified promptly has increased in the last three fiscal years. Children in substitute care are also safer. Linked foster care and abuse records show a decline in the maltreatment of children in care from 3.5% in FY 1995 to .6% in FY 2000.

Differences in state laws, policies, and practices do not allow for valid interstate comparisons and contribute to arbitrary national standards. Illinois registered a re-abuse rate of 11%—twice the imputed national standard. But this standard is based on data from only 20 states. Re-abuse is most common in neglect cases, yet the national standard includes at least one state that excludes general neglect from its reporting law. In some states, a subsequent report during an on-going investigation is not counted as re-abuse. In Illinois, a new investigation is initiated for each subsequent incident. Finally, Illinois is being compared to states that use widely different standards of evidence of abuse and neglect. All of these differences render interstate comparisons precarious.

With regard to Section B: Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS, 1998-1999), at the time Illinois submitted the data for 1998 and 1999 there were 58 child fatalities in 1998 and 80 child fatalities in 1999. However, there were some pending fatality investigations that eventually resulted in additional findings regarding child maltreatment fatalities. As of this date (March 7, 2001), there were 63 child fatalities from abuse/neglect in Illinois during Calendar Year 1998 and 86 child fatalities from abuse/neglect during Calendar Year 1999.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,517,366	1,528,991	Child maltreatment victims	18,962	21,608
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	5,070	8,933
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	795	759
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.1			
Black	10.1	10.2			
Hispanic	3.4	3.6			
White	85.2	84.9			
% Child population in poverty	13.3	8.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	54.6	60.1			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	102,155	91,625	67.3 per 1,000	59.9 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	18,962	21,608	12.5 per 1,000	14.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	65	41	4.3 per 100,000	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	6.2	3.3	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	1.4
1-5 years	25.0	27.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
6-10 years	27.8	30.4	Black	17.1	17.6
11-15 years	25.4	29.0	Hispanic	1.1	1.7
16+ years	15.6	9.5	White	76.5	71.3
Unknown	—	—	Other	4.0	2.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	2.0	7.0
Number	18,962	21,608	Total % ²	101.1	101.7
			Number	18,962	21,608

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	—
Medical neglect	5.6	5.5
Neglect	124.3	124.9
Physical abuse	32.0	31.1
Sexual abuse	26.1	25.6
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	188.0	187.1
Number	18,962	21,608

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	8,259	6,328	9,524	5,070	14,587
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,419	4,808	4,313	8,933	13,227

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	18.2	N/A	8.8	19.1	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	19.6	N/A	13.2	17.7	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.7	4.3	11.5	13.7	5.2	4.1	4.4	4.3
1-5 years	24.2	26.0	22.9	26.3	22.3	27.3	26.2	26.0
6-10 years	22.7	24.5	20.5	23.3	20.8	23.0	23.2	24.5
11-15 years	28.5	29.2	33.2	28.2	31.3	24.4	24.6	29.1
16-18 years	17.7	15.1	11.5	8.3	19.2	18.9	14.8	15.1
19+ years	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.0	1.0	2.1	3.8	0.9
Missing	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	3.0	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	8,259	8,419	6,328	4,808	9,524	4,313	5,070	8,933

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	—	0.3	0.0	0.2	—	0.3	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.2	—	0.1	—
Black	32.2	1.3	27.5	0.8	28.1	0.2	33.9	1.5
Hispanic	1.6	98.1	2.2	97.5	2.2	99.6	1.3	97.1
White	56.9	0.5	58.3	1.5	58.6	0.1	56.2	1.2
Unknown	8.9	0.1	11.5	0.2	10.7	0.0	8.1	0.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	8,259	8,419	6,328	4,808	9,524	4,313	5,070	8,933

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	443	2,632
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	124	1,408

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	1.5
1-5 years	42.4	31.3
6-10 years	31.2	35.0
11-15 years	17.6	27.3
16+ years	3.6	4.4
Unknown	3.2	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	443	2,632

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	38.6	0.2
Hispanic	1.8	99.6
White	54.6	0.2
Unknown	4.5	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	443	2,632

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.9	0.9
1-5 years	39.1	43.2
6-10 years	41.1	35.7
11-15 years	16.7	17.5
16+ years	2.1	2.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	795	759

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	—
Black	29.4	—
Hispanic	3.3	99.7
White	59.9	0.3
Unknown	7.3	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	795	759

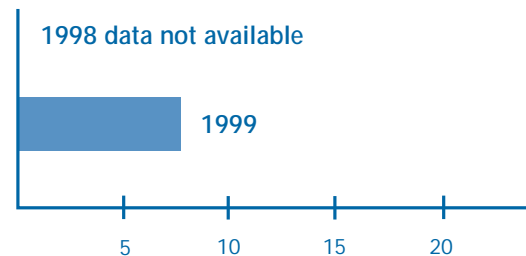
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	92.2
Children with one or more recurrences	—	7.8
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	8,791

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

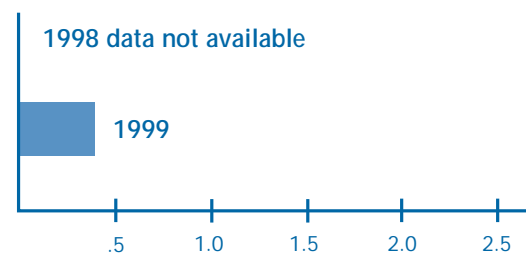


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.4
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.6
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	12,468

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

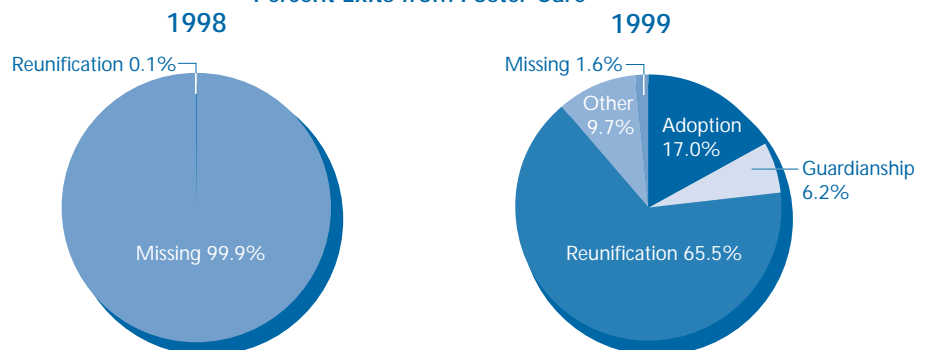


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	17.0
Guardianship	—	6.2
Reunification	0.1	65.5
Other	—	9.7
Missing	99.9	1.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	9,524	4,313

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	30.7
Guardianship	—	5.8
Reunification	0.5	48.7
Other	—	11.2
Missing	99.5	3.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	422	277

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	1.0
Guardianship	—	2.4
Reunification	0.1	72.2
Other	—	21.9
Missing	99.9	2.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,040	1,135

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	39.1
Children older than 12 at entry	—	60.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	340

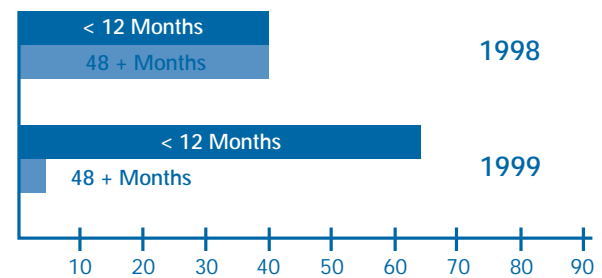
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.1
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.2
Reunification	—	—	—	—	0.1	80.0	—	65.4
Other	—	—	—	—	—	20.0	—	9.7
Missing	100.0	—	100.0	—	99.9	—	100.0	1.6
Total %	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	17	—	17	—	2,678	10	211	4,295

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	0.1	83.3	—	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	16.7	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	99.9	—	100.0	—	N/A	—	100.0	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	100.0	—
Number	5,578	6	428	2	N/A	—	595	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

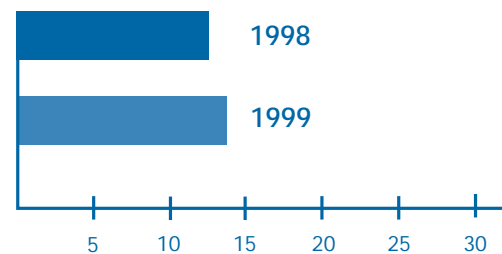
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	40.0	64.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	21.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	6.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	2.9
48 or more mos.	40.0	4.6
Missing	20.0	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5	2,825

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	78.2	78.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.7	13.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.3	5.9
Missing	2.8	2.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,328	4,808

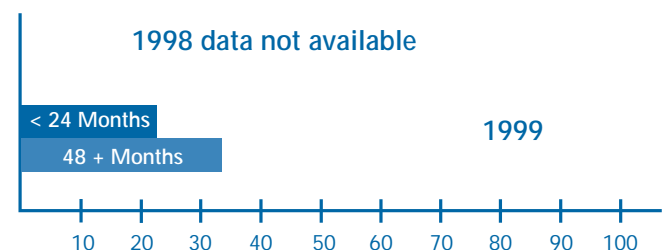
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	3.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	27.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	16.3
48 or more mos.	—	33.4
Missing	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	734

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

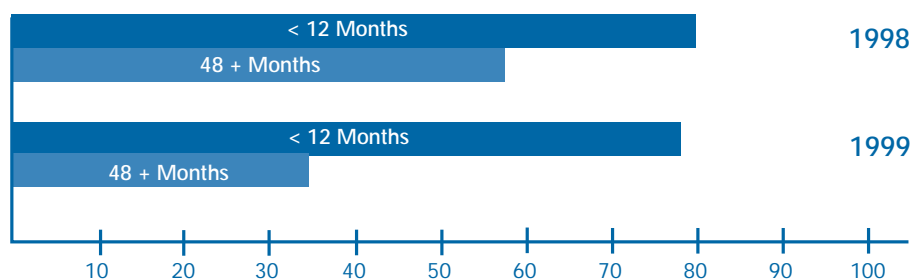


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	79.5	20.4	0.1	100.0	7,102
	1999	77.7	22.0	0.2	100.0	5,411
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	66.9	32.0	1.1	100.0	2,396
	1999	59.6	40.2	0.1	100.0	2,814
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	62.4	36.9	0.7	100.0	1,568
	1999	50.2	49.6	0.2	100.0	1,465
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	61.4	37.8	0.8	100.0	1,027
	1999	45.1	54.9	—	100.0	943
48 or more mos.	1998	57.2	42.2	0.6	100.0	2,030
	1999	34.7	65.1	0.1	100.0	2,550
Missing	1998	95.7	3.2	1.1	100.0	464
	1999	88.6	4.5	6.8	100.0	44

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.5	2.2
Institutions	9.0	4.9
Other settings	66.3	92.0
Missing	23.2	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,925	3,432

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Data were not available to calculate outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 for 1998 because Indiana did not begin submitting the NCANDS Detailed Case Data Component until Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001.

With regard to the data in Section B on child fatalities, in 1998 there were an unusually high number of child fatalities in Indiana, due in part to two house fires that claimed the lives of 13 children.

The data in Section C indicate that there were 3,756 more children in care on October 1, 1998 than there were on September 30, 1998. Many of the children who were reported as being in care on October 1, 1998, should have also been reported on September 30, 1998. Some of the data from FY 1998 are unreliable due to the implementation of a new system on March 1, 1997.

The data in Section D indicate that the number of children waiting to be adopted increased from 443 in FY 1998, to 2,399 [later revised to 2,632] in FY 1999. The significant increase in the number of children waiting to be adopted is due to the fact that in 1998 the reports were being hand-counted. The increase may also be attributed to introduction of the federal adoption incentive program.

The data in Section E indicate that almost all (99.7%) of the 759 children reported as adoptions were also reported as Hispanic. This anomaly was due to a coding error that was not found until review of this document. The problem has been corrected and will be reflected in future reports.

The data in Section E indicate that 759 children were adopted in FY 1999 (from the AFCARS Adoption Database). However, as shown in outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1, only 339 of the exits from foster care (from the AFCARS Foster Care Database) were reported as discharges to adoption. Reports of discharges to adoption and number of adoptions are derived from different data fields in ICWIS. The discrepancy between the adoption information from the Adoption Database and the information from the Foster Care Database may represent a tendency among workers to identify discharges to adoption as "other" due to concerns about confidentiality. We will be addressing this issue in all future training sessions and in system user guides. [Indiana did address this issue and resubmitted their exit to adoption data and now report 734 exits to adoption for 1999.]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	722,139	719,685	Child maltreatment victims	7,311	9,763
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	4,920	4,854
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.4	Children adopted	525	764
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.7	1.7			
Black	2.5	2.5			
Hispanic	3.1	3.3			
White	92.4	92.0			
% Child population in poverty	13.2	9.9			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	47.3	53.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	28,072	26,812	38.9 per 1,000	37.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,311	9,763	10.1 per 1,000	13.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	11	1.4 per 100,000	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	8.4	4.5	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	0.9
1-5 years	32.5	34.1	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.7
6-10 years	28.7	30.3	Black	8.2	8.0
11-15 years	20.6	22.3	Hispanic	3.5	3.7
16+ years	4.8	7.4	White	71.4	74.2
Unknown	5.0	1.4	Other	0.4	6.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	15.0	9.8
Number	7,311	9,763	Total % ²	100.0	103.7
			Number	7,311	9,763

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	1.2
Medical neglect	2.9	1.6
Neglect	65.1	63.1
Physical abuse	22.0	25.2
Sexual abuse	13.2	11.1
Other	—	2.4
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	103.3	104.7
Number	7,311	9,763

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	4,846	5,331	5,257	4,920	10,177
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	4,954	5,343	5,443	4,854	10,297

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	12.9	N/A	4.0	12.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	13.5	N/A	4.7	11.7	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.5	2.6	5.3	4.9	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.4
1-5 years	18.4	17.2	13.2	15.0	14.0	15.4	16.8	16.4
6-10 years	20.1	20.1	13.0	12.9	12.3	14.1	19.9	18.1
11-15 years	35.6	36.4	44.1	43.0	34.6	33.4	37.1	38.5
16-18 years	23.3	23.6	24.4	24.1	36.0	34.6	23.4	24.4
19+ years	0.1	0.1	—	—	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
Missing	0.0	—	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	4,846	4,954	5,331	5,343	5,257	5,443	4,920	4,854

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.7	2.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.5	1.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9
Black	13.6	13.6	10.2	9.1	10.3	10.6	13.5	12.0
Hispanic	3.1	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.7	3.7	4.0
White	73.0	71.0	70.7	72.0	72.0	71.5	71.7	71.5
Unknown	6.8	8.2	13.1	12.4	12.2	11.2	7.8	9.4
Not applicable	—	0.2	—	0.2	—	0.1	—	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	4,840	4,954	5,323	5,343	5,255	5,443	4,908	4,854

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,039	1,044
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	938	922

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.1	2.4
1-5 years	33.5	32.6
6-10 years	36.4	32.9
11-15 years	23.1	25.7
16+ years	4.6	5.4
Unknown	0.3	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,039	1,044

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	5.4	4.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.1	0.4
Black	20.3	19.1
Hispanic	3.5	5.6
White	66.3	63.7
Unknown	3.5	7.0
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,039	1,044

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.8	1.2
1-5 years	47.0	44.4
6-10 years	36.8	37.7
11-15 years	13.1	14.9
16+ years	2.3	1.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	525	764

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	5.5	3.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.2
Black	16.6	17.8
Hispanic	2.3	5.2
White	69.1	64.1
Unknown	5.5	8.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	525	764

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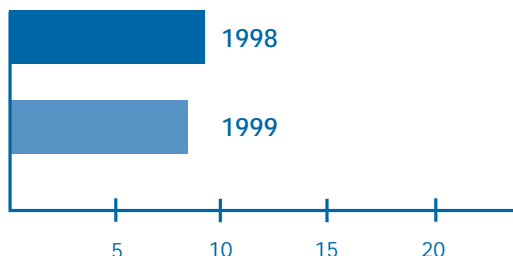
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

(NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	90.8	91.6
Children with one or more recurrences	9.2	8.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,698	8,699

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



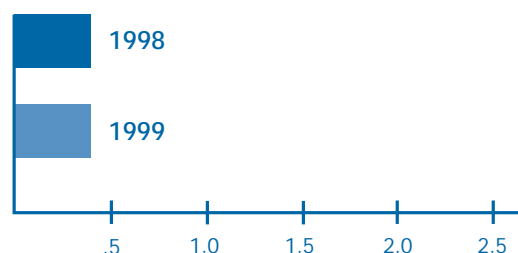
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.4	0.4
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.6	99.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,875	9,136

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care



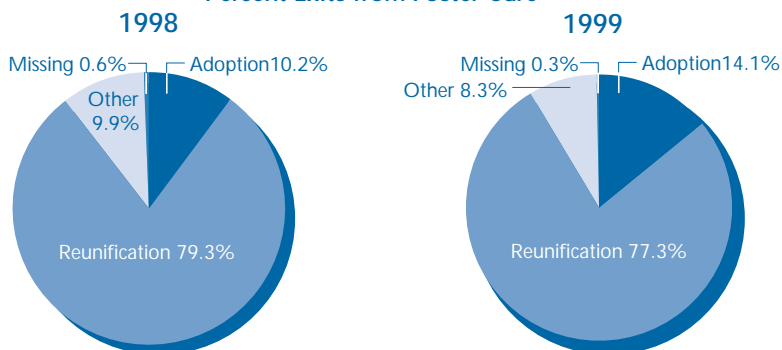
3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	10.2	14.1
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	79.3	77.3
Other	9.9	8.3
Missing	0.6	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,257	5,443

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	27.0	40.8
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	55.6	47.7
Other	15.8	10.8
Missing	1.6	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	891	969

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.5	0.4
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	84.1	86.4
Other	15.3	13.2
Missing	0.1	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,175	3,106

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	2.7	9.5
Children older than 12 at entry	97.3	90.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	255	231

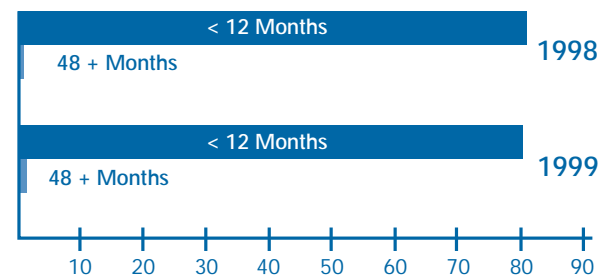
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	32.6	20.2	11.6	21.6	17.0	23.2	9.3	19.6
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	53.9	73.4	74.4	59.5	70.2	68.3	85.8	73.9
Other	11.2	6.5	11.6	18.9	10.7	8.3	4.3	6.5
Missing	2.2	—	2.3	—	2.0	0.2	0.6	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	89	124	43	37	540	577	162	199

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.7	12.7	4.9	11.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	79.9	78.4	85.8	81.6	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
Other	10.2	8.6	8.9	7.2	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

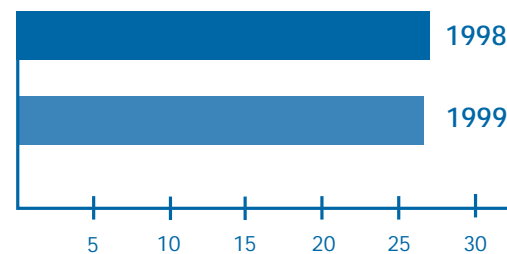
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	81.0	80.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.5	13.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	1.1
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.5
Missing	0.8	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,168	4,207

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	66.4	64.8
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	27.0	26.7
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.7	7.7
Missing	0.9	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,331	5,343

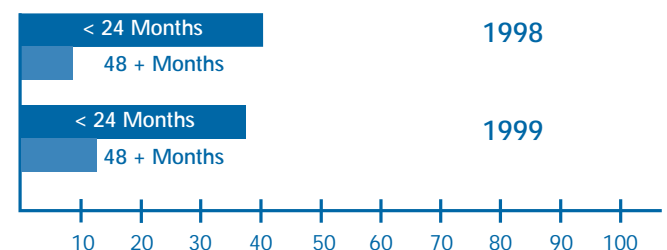
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	17.3	15.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.2	22.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	32.0	27.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	17.7	22.1
48 or more mos.	8.7	12.7
Missing	1.1	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	538	769

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

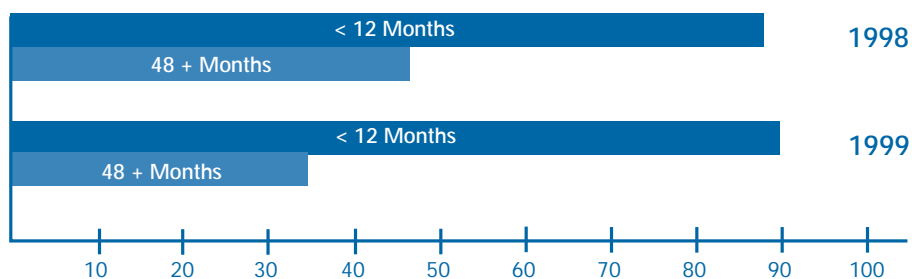


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	87.7	12.3	—	100.0	6,100
	1999	89.2	10.8	—	100.0	6,162
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	56.3	43.7	—	100.0	1,746
	1999	58.0	42.0	—	100.0	1,750
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	34.4	65.6	—	100.0	993
	1999	33.3	66.7	—	100.0	958
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	33.7	66.3	—	100.0	751
	1999	28.6	71.4	—	100.0	598
48 or more mos.	1998	46.2	53.8	—	100.0	528
	1999	34.6	65.4	—	100.0	772
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	59
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	57

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	14.8	17.7
Institutions	5.6	6.1
Other settings	78.0	74.4
Missing	1.6	1.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,120	2,197

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In Iowa, adoptions increased 45% between 1998 and 1999; we now have more children in subsidized adoption than family foster care.

Iowa's foster care system serves children placed due to delinquency, emotional/behavioral problems, and abuse/neglect. This results in more older youth in care. Caseloads and supervisor:worker ratios that are two to three times the national standards also challenge our system.

Iowa's maltreatment recurrence rate (Outcome 1.1) and incidence of abuse in foster care rate (Outcome 2.1) are higher than the national standard. We are implementing several initiatives to improve child safety. Iowa's safety measures as shown in Outcomes 1.1 and 2.1 were derived from the state's version of the DCDC report, using logic consistent with the Children's Bureau code. The results were validated against analysis performed by the NCANDS technical team and the state's data warehouse. (Note: Because Iowa's procedures for calculating these measures

were consistent with those of the NCANDS DCDC, their data were approved for presentation in the State data pages.)

Iowa's "time to re-unification" is shorter than the national standard, although our re-entry rate is higher. Youth re-entering care are older and in placement primarily because of the child's behavior rather than abuse/neglect. In many cases, brief placement stays help maintain the youth in the community. We are working with our education and mental health partners to improve services and outcomes for these youth.

Our "time to adoption" is better than the national standard. We attribute this to Iowa's aggressive efforts to recruit families and move children to permanency. Our placement stability rate meets the national standard.

For more detailed comments, please go to <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/publications.asp>

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	697,452	698,637	Child maltreatment victims	5,312	8,452
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	8,488	6,774
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.8	Children adopted	411	566
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.0	2.1			
Black	6.8	6.8			
Hispanic	7.9	8.4			
White	82.5	81.9			
% Child population in poverty	13.6	18.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	63.7	65.6			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	26,751	28,694	38.4 per 1,000	41.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	5,312	8,452	7.6 per 1,000	12.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	6	1.9 per 100,000	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	22.5	6.9	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.7
1-5 years	24.5	31.5	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.1
6-10 years	28.0	31.7	Black	13.4	14.3
11-15 years	20.1	24.2	Hispanic	3.6	4.9
16+ years	4.9	5.4	White	77.3	75.9
Unknown	—	0.4	Other	4.5	6.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	2.5
Number	5,312	8,452	Total % ²	100.0	104.8
			Number	5,312	8,452

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	11.1	14.0
Medical neglect	2.5	3.0
Neglect	45.5	49.5
Physical abuse	28.7	30.8
Sexual abuse	19.3	15.7
Other	—	—
Unknown	27.6	—
Total % ³	134.6	113.0
Number	5,312	8,452

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,205	6,683	3,400	8,488	11,888
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	4,959	3,376	1,562	6,774	8,335

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	11.1	N/A	12.7	8.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11.4	N/A	12.9	13.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	0.6	3.3	4.1	10.9	0.9	2.0	2.0	3.6
1-5 years	3.6	20.0	7.2	21.7	7.3	16.4	5.3	21.5
6-10 years	4.8	21.3	8.5	20.6	7.0	17.6	6.4	21.5
11-15 years	15.1	34.4	19.9	33.5	21.4	28.3	13.0	30.4
16-18 years	13.7	20.1	11.5	12.6	30.1	33.7	9.2	21.5
19+ years	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.8	1.7	0.4	1.0
Missing	61.8	0.1	48.7	0.7	31.4	0.2	63.7	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,205	4,959	6,683	3,376	3,400	1,562	8,488	6,774

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.4
Black	21.1	22.3	16.9	18.3	16.9	15.4	19.5	21.9
Hispanic	7.7	6.7	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.2	7.3	6.6
White	66.7	67.4	71.6	70.4	70.6	72.2	69.0	67.8
Unknown	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.2	2.2	1.9
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,205	4,959	6,683	3,376	3,400	1,562	8,488	6,774

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,528	1,757
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	789	987

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	2.0
1-5 years	5.0	26.0
6-10 years	5.8	28.9
11-15 years	9.8	32.2
16+ years	2.8	9.4
Unknown	74.7	1.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,528	1,757

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	1.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3
Black	27.5	29.3
Hispanic	5.8	5.7
White	61.6	60.7
Unknown	3.0	2.4
Not applicable	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,528	1,757

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.5	0.2
1-5 years	37.7	39.4
6-10 years	36.3	34.8
11-15 years	20.2	21.9
16+ years	3.6	3.7
Unknown	1.7	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	411	566

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	1.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	—
Black	21.9	26.9
Hispanic	5.8	8.3
White	67.2	58.8
Unknown	3.2	2.8
Not applicable	—	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	411	566

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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

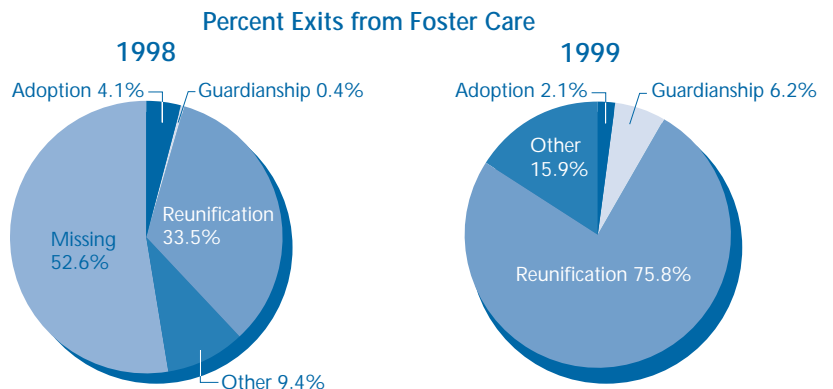
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	4.1	2.1
Guardianship	0.4	6.2
Reunification	33.5	75.8
Other	9.4	15.9
Missing	52.6	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,400	1,562



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	44.4	8.3
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	11.1	66.7
Other	—	25.0
Missing	44.4	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	9	12

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.4	0.1
Guardianship	0.2	3.9
Reunification	32.9	72.1
Other	9.8	23.9
Missing	56.6	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,412	727

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.7	23.7
Children older than 12 at entry	45.8	76.3
Missing	36.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	96	114

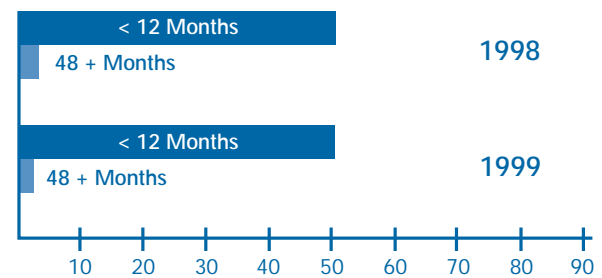
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	20.0	—	—	—	5.2	3.7	4.4	2.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	10.4	0.8	4.4
Reunification	5.0	80.0	47.2	90.9	24.0	65.1	34.9	78.8
Other	20.0	20.0	—	9.1	10.9	20.7	3.2	14.2
Missing	55.0	—	52.8	—	59.9	—	56.7	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	40	20	36	11	576	241	252	113

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	3.4	1.6	8.3	6.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.4	5.9	1.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	36.3	77.2	25.0	84.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	9.6	15.3	10.4	10.0	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	50.3	—	55.2	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	2,400	1,127	96	50	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

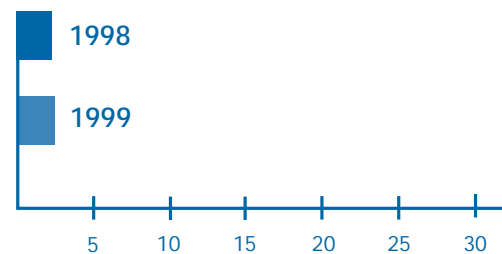
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	50.4	50.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.2	31.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.1	9.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	4.3
48 or more mos.	3.3	2.8
Missing	6.1	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,140	1,184

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	92.3	91.1
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.3	2.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.7	0.7
Missing	4.7	5.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,683	3,376

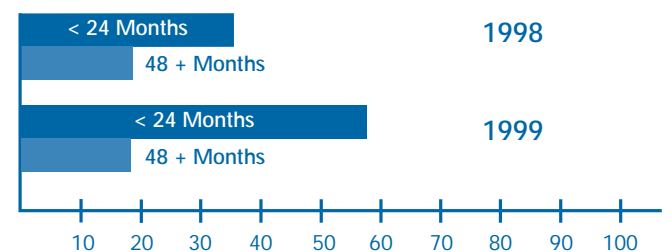
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	13.7	30.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.6	27.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	30.2	6.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	12.9	18.2
48 or more mos.	18.7	18.2
Missing	2.9	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	139	33

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

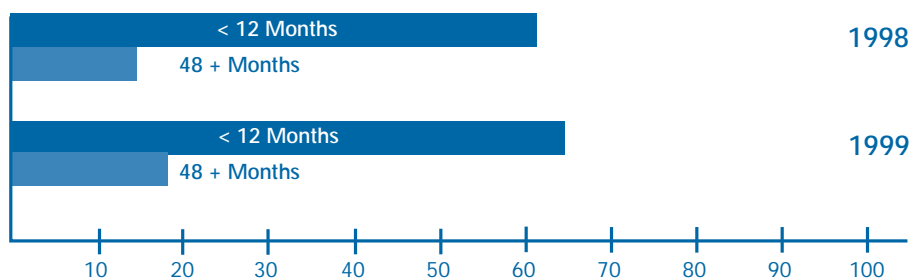


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	61.1	38.9	—	100.0	6,930
	1999	64.2	27.2	8.6	100.0	3,732
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	30.0	70.0	—	100.0	2,384
	1999	44.5	50.7	4.9	100.0	2,377
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	14.4	85.6	—	100.0	952
	1999	30.2	66.3	3.5	100.0	1,040
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	10.3	89.7	—	100.0	447
	1999	21.2	76.8	2.0	100.0	449
48 or more mos.	1998	14.7	85.3	—	100.0	876
	1999	18.1	79.5	2.4	100.0	701
Missing	1998	58.5	41.5	—	100.0	299
	1999	75.0	11.1	13.9	100.0	36

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	4.2	3.2
Institutions	3.7	2.3
Other settings	92.1	93.5
Missing	—	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	976	1,806

Kansas

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Kentucky

[CONTEXT DATA]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	988,293	965,528	Child maltreatment victims	22,875	18,650
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	5,698
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	Children adopted	206	359
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8			
Black	8.7	8.7			
Hispanic	1.1	1.2			
White	89.3	89.2			
% Child population in poverty	24.7	16.7			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	44.5	46.6			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	63,439	63,384	64.2 per 1,000	65.6 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	22,875	18,650	23.1 per 1,000	19.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	18	5	1.8 per 100,000	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.0	7.3	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1
1-5 years	32.6	32.0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
6-10 years	30.9	32.0	Black	12.7	13.9
11-15 years	23.9	23.1	Hispanic	0.1	0.1
16+ years	5.6	5.6	White	80.4	78.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	Other	3.9	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	2.8	7.5
Number	22,875	18,650	Total % ²	100.1	100.1
			Number	22,875	18,650

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	10.8	4.1
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	61.4	63.7
Physical abuse	26.8	27.6
Sexual abuse	7.7	7.7
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	106.7	103.2
Number	22,875	18,650

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	5,153	4,096	3,551	5,698	9,249
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	13.7	N/A	5.4	16.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	3.9	—	11.5	—	5.7	—	4.0
1-5 years	—	24.3	—	25.1	—	27.2	—	22.5
6-10 years	—	25.0	—	22.3	—	21.8	—	24.8
11-15 years	—	30.1	—	29.9	—	24.1	—	30.9
16-18 years	—	16.6	—	11.2	—	20.4	—	17.0
19+ years	—	0.1	—	0.0	—	0.8	—	0.7
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	5,153	—	4,096	—	3,551	—	5,698

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2	—	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1	—	0.3	—	0.3	—	0.1
Black	—	23.4	—	16.6	—	16.1	—	23.0
Hispanic	—	0.3	—	0.4	—	0.3	—	0.4
White	—	68.7	—	72.9	—	75.0	—	67.8
Unknown	—	7.5	—	9.7	—	8.1	—	8.7
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	5,153	—	4,096	—	3,551	—	5,698

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	1,730
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	6

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	1.7
1-5 years	—	31.0
6-10 years	—	36.6
11-15 years	—	27.1
16+ years	—	3.3
Unknown	—	0.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,730

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	27.6
Hispanic	—	0.2
White	—	62.7
Unknown	—	9.3
Not applicable	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,730

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.5	1.7
1-5 years	46.6	41.2
6-10 years	40.8	36.8
11-15 years	10.2	18.1
16+ years	1.5	2.2
Unknown	0.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	206	359

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	—
Black	18.9	28.1
Hispanic	2.9	—
White	58.3	59.3
Unknown	18.9	12.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	206	359

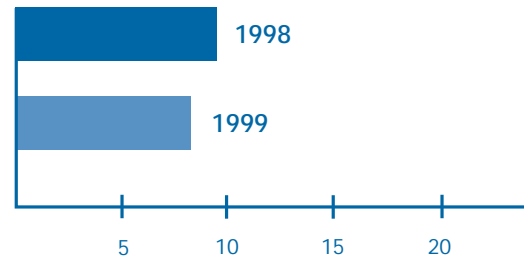
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	90.5	91.7
Children with one or more recurrences	9.5	8.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,714	7,245

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

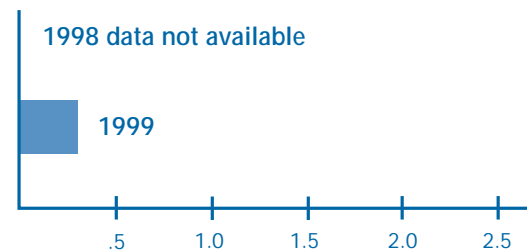


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.3
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	8,516

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care



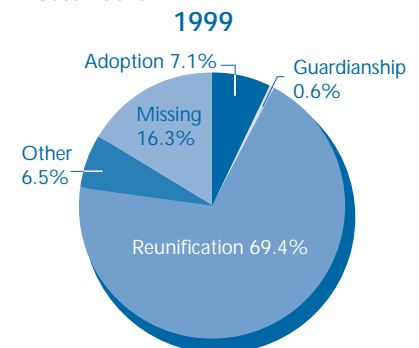
3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	7.1
Guardianship	—	0.6
Reunification	—	69.4
Other	—	6.5
Missing	—	16.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,551

Percent Exits from Foster Care

1998 data not available



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	14.3
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	54.3
Other	—	8.6
Missing	—	22.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	35

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.2
Guardianship	—	0.4
Reunification	—	63.8
Other	—	16.5
Missing	—	19.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,168

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	14.5
Children older than 12 at entry	—	85.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	173

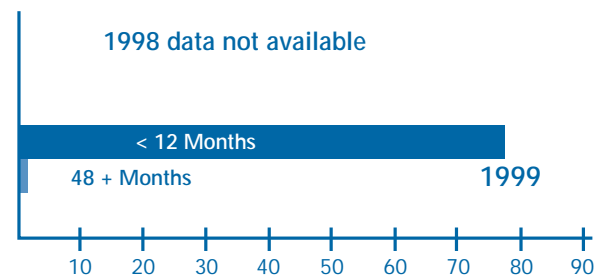
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	12.5	—	8.3	—	9.6	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	1.0	—	—
Reunification	—	62.5	—	41.7	—	58.9	—	44.4
Other	—	—	—	—	—	6.8	—	22.2
Missing	—	25.0	—	50.0	—	23.6	—	33.3
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	8	—	12	—	572	—	9

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	6.4	—	8.7	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	0.5	—	1.0	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	71.7	—	71.5	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	6.7	—	4.2	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	14.7	—	14.6	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	2,662	—	288	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

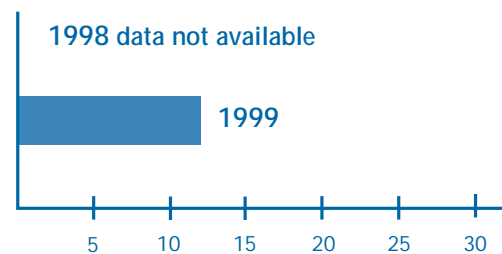
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	77.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	13.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	5.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	1.7
48 or more mos.	—	1.9
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,466

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	85.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	12.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	2.2
Missing	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,096

Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	7.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	24.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	23.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	26.1
48 or more mos.	—	19.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	253

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

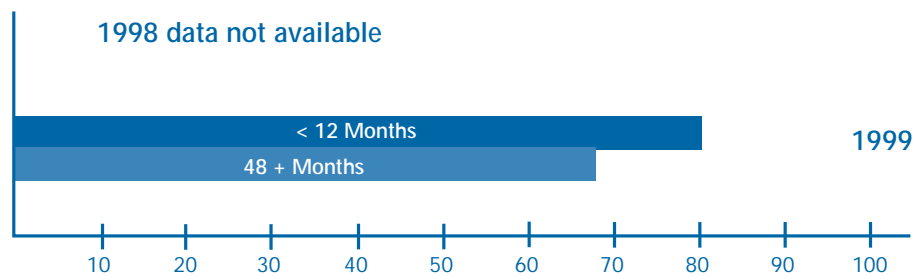


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	80.0	20.0	—	100.0	4,718
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	57.8	42.2	—	100.0	1,902
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	51.7	48.3	—	100.0	1,284
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	59.1	40.9	—	100.0	618
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	67.8	32.2	—	100.0	705
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	22

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	—
Institutions	—	16.9
Other settings	—	83.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,734

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Data to calculate outcome measure 2.1 was not available for the 1998 reporting period. Kentucky made revisions in TWIST and was able to report data for 1999.

[Kentucky submitted the following data to correct the data shown in Context Data: Section B.] Kentucky's 1999 NCANDS file included 17,703 child records from previous reporting periods that reached a disposition in the 1999 reporting period. The actual number of child reports for 1999 that reached a disposition in 1999 was 45,681. The number of child maltreatment victims in reports with a disposition in 1999 was 13,832. Of the 13,832 child maltreatment victims, 7.6% were under age 1, 32.5% were ages 1-5, 32% were ages 6-10, 22.5% were ages 11-15, and 5.4% were 16 and older. Also, of the 13,832 child maltreatment victims, .1% were Alaska Natives, .2% were Asian/PI, 14.1% were Black, .3% were Hispanic, and 78.4% were white. We were unable to determine race/ethnicity for 6.9%. Finally, of the 13,832 child maltreatment victims, 3.1% experienced emotional abuse, 65.1% experienced neglect, 27.4% experienced physical abuse, and 6.8% experienced sexual abuse.

With respect to the "missing" data for outcome measures 3.2 and 3.3., Kentucky has made revisions to TWIST to make "reason for discharge" a mandatory field. This was made effective in July of 2000.

The data in section D reflects the number of children with a permanency goal of adoption rather than the number of children who have had parental rights terminated. We are making changes in TWIST to accurately reflect the number of TPRs for the 2002A AFCARS submission.

The data for outcome measure 7.1 includes children in institutional emergency shelters, psychiatric settings, and private agency foster homes. Changes were made to TWIST in July of 2000 to allow us to identify those children who were placed in private agency foster homes and shelters and those children who were placed in institutions. We also were incorrectly mapping psychiatric placements as institutions.

The discrepancy in section E (between the number of adoptions reported for the Adoption Database and the number of exits to adoption reported for the foster care data base) is due to the fact that we report our adoptions from a legacy system and the reason for exits from foster care from our SACWIS system. Staff is not entering the correct exit reason into our SACWIS system.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,191,412	1,190,001	Child maltreatment victims	13,773	12,614
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	6,301	5,581
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.4	Children adopted	236	356
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.4	1.4			
Black	39.2	39.4			
Hispanic	2.8	2.9			
White	56.1	55.8			
% Child population in poverty	24.2	26.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	77.6	72.3			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	45,318	46,230	38.0 per 1,000	38.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	13,773	12,614	11.6 per 1,000	10.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	21	2.3 per 100,000	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.3	7.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
1-5 years	30.6	29.6	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4
6-10 years	30.3	29.8	Black	53.9	51.9
11-15 years	24.6	25.7	Hispanic	0.5	0.8
16+ years	7.2	7.0	White	44.7	46.6
Unknown	0.1	0.2	Other	1.0	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	0.9
Number	13,773	12,614	Total % ²	100.5	100.8
			Number	13,773	12,614

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	4.0	4.2
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	69.5	68.1
Physical abuse	19.5	20.9
Sexual abuse	6.6	6.5
Other	0.4	0.3
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	13,773	12,614

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

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3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,649	3,051	2,399	6,301	8,700
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	5,523	2,912	2,854	5,581	8,435
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	23.0	N/A	15.8	19.6	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	22.9	N/A	13.5	19.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.5	2.8	10.3	9.2	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.4
1-5 years	25.2	22.2	22.6	22.8	28.9	24.2	21.0	21.0
6-10 years	27.8	26.7	22.2	20.6	26.4	23.5	25.3	24.4
11-15 years	31.2	34.9	35.8	37.9	20.0	26.1	36.2	36.5
16-18 years	13.3	13.4	9.1	9.4	21.0	23.7	14.7	15.7
19+ years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,649	5,523	3,051	2,912	2,399	2,854	6,301	5,581

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	66.3	64.6	60.0	59.7	62.4	61.7	64.7	63.5
Hispanic	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7
White	32.2	33.7	38.0	38.2	36.0	36.4	33.6	34.7
Unknown	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,649	5,523	3,051	2,912	2,399	2,854	6,301	5,581

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,171	1,477
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	253	375

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.3	1.2
1-5 years	31.0	28.4
6-10 years	41.0	39.3
11-15 years	23.7	29.1
16+ years	2.0	2.1
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,171	1,477

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	61.1	62.5
Hispanic	0.5	0.5
White	36.7	35.8
Unknown	1.3	0.9
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,171	1,477

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.7	1.4
1-5 years	36.9	37.1
6-10 years	45.3	44.7
11-15 years	15.3	14.9
16+ years	0.8	2.0
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	236	356

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	—
Black	64.0	64.3
Hispanic	—	0.3
White	34.7	34.0
Unknown	0.8	0.6
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	236	356

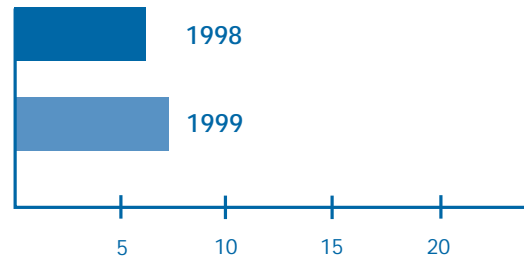
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	93.8	92.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.2	7.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,466	4,489

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

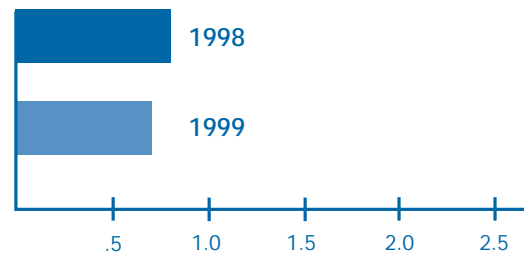


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.8	0.7
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.2	99.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,063	7,793

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

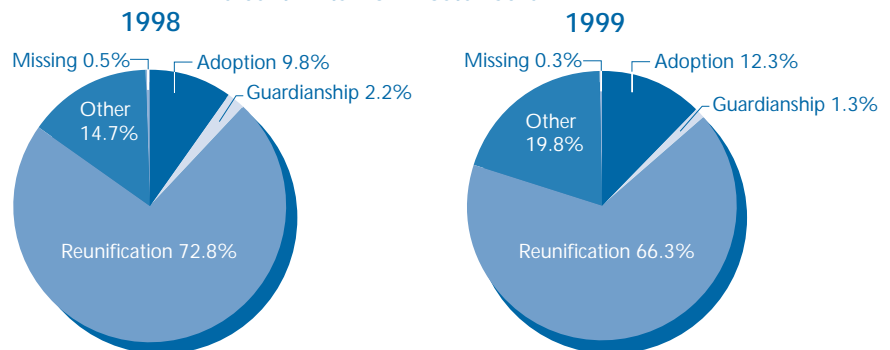


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	9.8	12.3
Guardianship	2.2	1.3
Reunification	72.8	66.3
Other	14.7	19.8
Missing	0.5	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,399	2,854

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	21.1	16.7
Guardianship	2.9	1.0
Reunification	39.1	43.1
Other	36.2	39.1
Missing	0.8	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	384	599

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.1
Guardianship	1.9	1.1
Reunification	60.3	52.6
Other	37.0	45.2
Missing	0.8	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	476	812

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50.3	50.2
Children older than 12 at entry	49.7	49.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	304	315

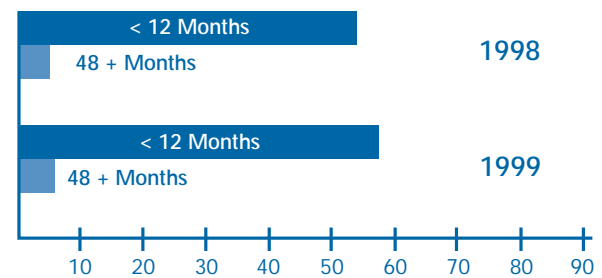
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	27.3	16.7	—	9.6	12.7	—	4.5
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	2.0	1.0	—	4.5
Reunification	42.9	45.5	33.3	62.5	72.7	65.1	76.9	72.7
Other	57.1	27.3	50.0	37.5	15.1	20.9	23.1	18.2
Missing	—	—	—	—	0.5	0.3	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	7	11	6	8	1,497	1,761	13	22

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	10.2	11.6	23.1	15.4	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	2.3	1.8	15.4	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	73.7	68.4	53.8	69.2	N/A	—	—	—
Other	13.3	17.9	7.7	15.4	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	0.5	0.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	863	1,039	13	13	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

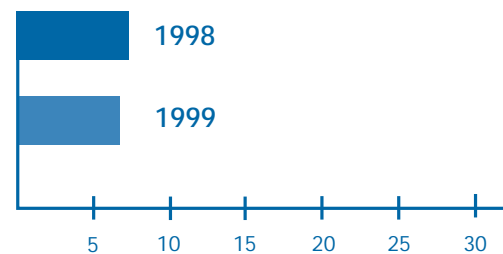
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	54.0	57.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.2	24.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.3	8.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	3.6
48 or more mos.	5.3	6.0
Missing	0.3	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,747	1,893

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	83.3	85.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.4	6.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.2	8.2
Missing	0.1	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,051	2,912

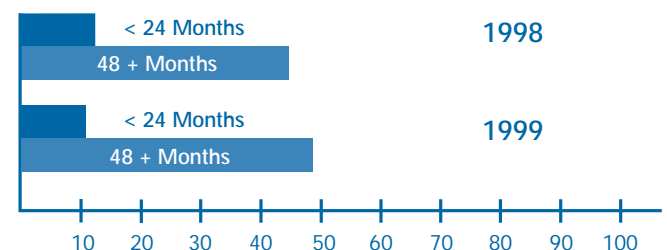
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	3.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.1	7.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	19.5	19.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	23.7	21.1
48 or more mos.	44.5	48.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	236	350

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

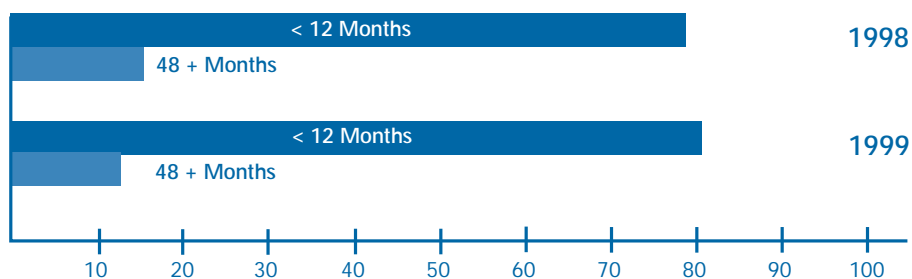


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	78.3	20.4	1.3	100.0	3,415
	1999	80.3	18.7	1.0	100.0	3,394
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	45.8	53.9	0.4	100.0	1,628
	1999	50.1	49.8	0.1	100.0	1,585
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	29.0	70.8	0.2	100.0	1,005
	1999	30.8	69.0	0.1	100.0	898
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	25.0	74.9	0.1	100.0	669
	1999	20.1	79.5	0.5	100.0	648
48 or more mos.	1998	15.3	84.5	0.2	100.0	1,962
	1999	13.0	86.9	0.1	100.0	1,888
Missing	1998	85.7	9.5	4.8	100.0	21
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	22

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	2.2	2.1
Institutions	5.5	5.6
Other settings	92.3	92.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,889	1,762

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After completing the review of the State of Louisiana's data pages, the only change is for the number of confirmed child fatalities for 1999. This has changed from 21 to 27. This change is due to additional child fatality investigations having been completed since the submission of the original data.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	291,585	290,439	Child maltreatment victims	3,579	4,154
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	3,595	3,154
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.6	Children adopted	112	202
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	1.0			
Black	0.6	0.5			
Hispanic	1.0	1.0			
White	97.0	96.9			
% Child population in poverty	15.5	17.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	37.2	40.9			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,030	9,877	31.0 per 1,000	34.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	3,579	4,154	12.3 per 1,000	14.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	3	1.4 per 100,000	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	10.7	9.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.8	0.5
1-5 years	32.0	31.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.2
6-10 years	31.7	31.8	Black	0.5	0.6
11-15 years	22.5	23.6	Hispanic	0.5	—
16+ years	3.1	3.3	White	49.5	97.4
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	48.8	1.3
Number	3,579	4,154	Total % ²	100.5	100.0
			Number	3,579	4,154

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	64.2	54.5
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	65.9	59.1
Physical abuse	39.8	34.4
Sexual abuse	23.2	21.5
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	193.0	169.5
Number	3,579	4,154

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,658	1,646	712	3,595	4,304
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,675	1,014	535	3,154	3,689
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	26.2	N/A	15.0	18.7	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	27.8	N/A	19.5	27.0	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.2	3.7	16.0	17.2	4.6	4.9	4.9	3.6
1-5 years	21.1	20.6	24.7	28.4	23.2	28.8	21.4	21.1
6-10 years	26.3	27.2	22.7	22.9	20.4	24.5	25.6	26.3
11-15 years	29.6	31.0	28.5	27.0	21.2	16.8	29.1	30.1
16-18 years	17.1	15.6	6.9	4.3	23.7	19.4	15.6	16.7
19+ years	2.1	1.8	—	0.1	5.5	5.4	1.9	2.1
Missing	1.7	0.1	1.2	0.1	1.4	0.2	1.6	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,658	2,675	1,646	1,014	712	535	3,595	3,154

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	1.6	1.8	0.9	2.9	2.6	0.9	1.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	—	0.4	0.4
Black	2.4	2.1	1.5	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.8
Hispanic	1.3	2.2	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.7	2.1
White	93.3	91.0	83.7	63.3	90.7	78.7	89.4	84.2
Unknown	1.7	2.7	10.4	32.9	2.5	15.9	5.6	10.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,658	2,675	1,646	1,014	712	535	3,595	3,154

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,199	1,098
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	175	688

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.3	3.2
1-5 years	28.7	33.5
6-10 years	34.8	43.2
11-15 years	21.2	17.9
16+ years	6.3	2.2
Unknown	3.8	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,199	1,098

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.2
Black	2.4	2.7
Hispanic	0.8	1.4
White	91.9	89.8
Unknown	2.9	4.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,199	1,098

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	0.5
1-5 years	37.5	37.1
6-10 years	33.9	47.5
11-15 years	22.3	13.4
16+ years	3.6	1.5
Unknown	2.7	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	112	202

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	4.5	4.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	1.8	2.0
Hispanic	1.8	1.0
White	88.4	92.1
Unknown	3.6	0.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	112	202

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

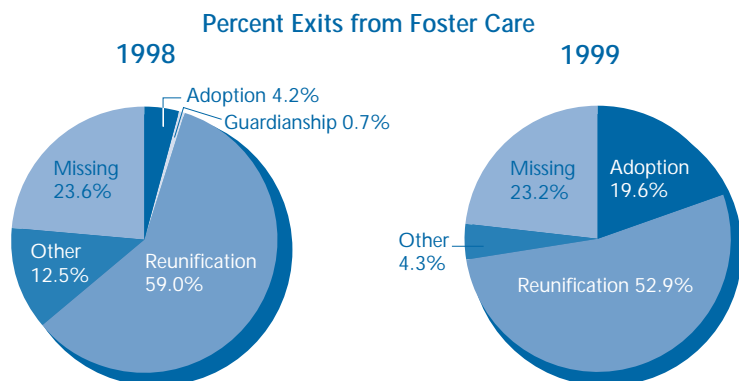
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Adoption	4.2	19.6
Guardianship	0.7	—
Reunification	59.0	52.9
Other	12.5	4.3
Missing	23.6	23.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	712	535



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	46.2
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	50.0	15.4
Other	—	15.4
Missing	50.0	23.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2	13

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	1.5	—
Reunification	40.3	52.5
Other	32.8	11.7
Missing	25.4	35.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	201	120

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.7	36.8
Children older than 12 at entry	78.3	63.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	60	19

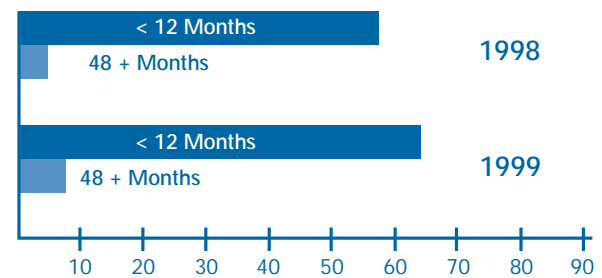
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	28.6	—	—	5.6	30.0	14.3	20.0
Guardianship	9.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	76.2	50.0	50.0	—	61.1	20.0	—	40.0
Other	9.5	7.1	50.0	—	—	—	—	20.0
Missing	4.8	14.3	—	—	33.3	50.0	85.7	20.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	21	14	2	—	18	10	7	5

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	4.2	22.8	—	1.2	N/A	—	16.7	—
Guardianship	0.5	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	59.1	47.5	75.0	84.7	N/A	—	16.7	—
Other	13.2	5.0	—	—	N/A	—	16.7	—
Missing	23.1	24.7	25.0	14.1	N/A	—	50.0	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	100.0	—
Number	646	421	12	85	N/A	—	6	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

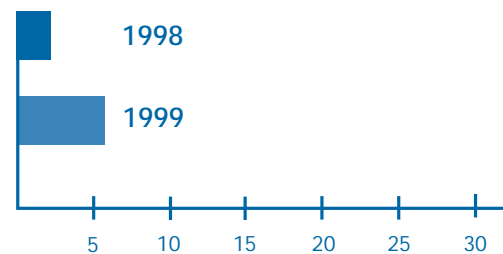
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	57.4	64.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.3	13.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.8	7.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.3	7.4
48 or more mos.	5.0	7.8
Missing	1.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	420	283

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	89.2	91.3
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.2	5.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.5	1.9
Missing	8.1	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,646	1,014

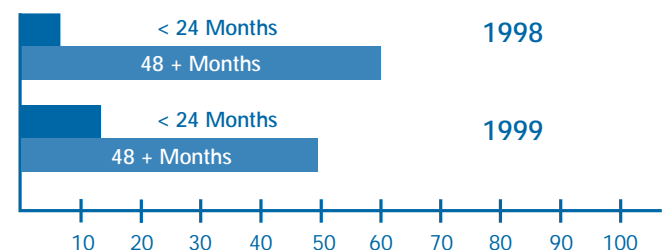
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	2.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	6.7	10.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	20.0	19.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.0	18.1
48 or more mos.	60.0	49.5
Missing	3.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	30	105

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

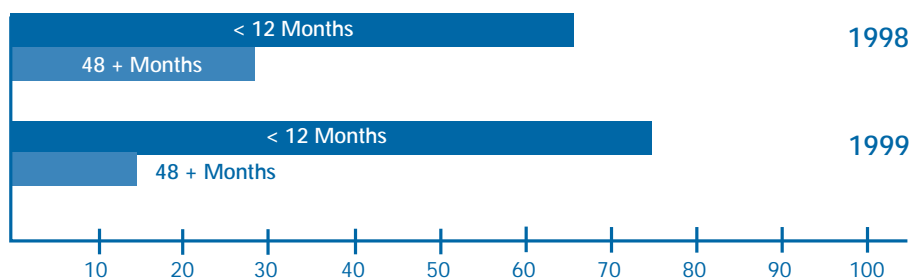


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	66.1	32.6	1.3	100.0	1,737
	1999	74.5	24.3	1.2	100.0	1,076
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	45.1	54.5	0.4	100.0	697
	1999	41.3	58.4	0.3	100.0	673
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	33.8	65.6	0.6	100.0	479
	1999	32.5	67.3	0.2	100.0	514
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	31.3	68.4	0.3	100.0	358
	1999	21.9	77.9	0.3	100.0	366
48 or more mos.	1998	28.2	71.2	0.6	100.0	1,002
	1999	14.4	85.3	0.4	100.0	1,059
Missing	1998	80.6	9.7	9.7	100.0	31
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	1

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.1	2.6
Institutions	2.5	2.4
Other settings	87.2	93.0
Missing	9.3	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,012	760

Maine

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,287,190	1,309,432	Child maltreatment victims	14,234	—
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	12,890	13,455
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	470	583
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.3	4.4			
Black	31.3	31.6			
Hispanic	4.5	4.7			
White	59.6	58.9			
% Child population in poverty	14.4	6.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	86.7	89.2			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	55,964	—	43.5 per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	14,234	—	11.1 per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	—	1.9 per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	—	—	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	—	—	Unknown	—	—
Number	—	—	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	—
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	—	—
Physical abuse	—	—
Sexual abuse	—	—
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	—	—
Number	—	—

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	11,719	4,467	3,296	12,890	16,186
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12,452	3,936	2,933	13,455	16,388

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	25.6	N/A	14.0	26.2	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	28.8	N/A	16.7	31.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.6	2.8	14.2	16.9	4.7	5.0	2.9	3.0
1-5 years	25.1	21.8	26.6	26.4	27.4	27.3	22.6	20.2
6-10 years	30.5	30.1	26.3	24.4	25.9	28.8	30.4	28.3
11-15 years	27.2	29.2	26.1	26.2	23.4	21.8	27.8	29.3
16-18 years	12.9	14.0	6.8	6.0	15.7	13.7	13.2	15.4
19+ years	1.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.7
Missing	0.0	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	11,719	12,452	4,467	3,936	3,296	2,933	12,890	13,455

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	79.2	79.4	70.4	68.7	67.5	70.8	79.2	78.1
Hispanic	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	0.8	0.9
White	18.7	18.2	25.2	26.4	28.7	24.2	18.4	19.3
Unknown	0.7	1.0	2.6	2.6	1.5	2.4	1.2	1.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	11,719	12,452	4,467	3,936	3,296	2,933	12,890	13,455

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	2,211	2,806
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	972	1,304

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.0	1.1
1-5 years	31.3	27.8
6-10 years	43.0	41.1
11-15 years	21.8	26.1
16+ years	2.4	3.5
Unknown	0.5	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,211	2,806

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1
Black	77.6	79.2
Hispanic	0.6	0.5
White	20.2	19.1
Unknown	1.4	1.0
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,211	2,806

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.3	1.0
1-5 years	45.1	42.0
6-10 years	41.1	41.3
11-15 years	10.6	14.9
16+ years	0.9	0.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	470	583

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.3
Black	65.1	71.4
Hispanic	2.6	0.2
White	30.9	27.1
Unknown	0.9	0.2
Not applicable	—	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	470	583

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

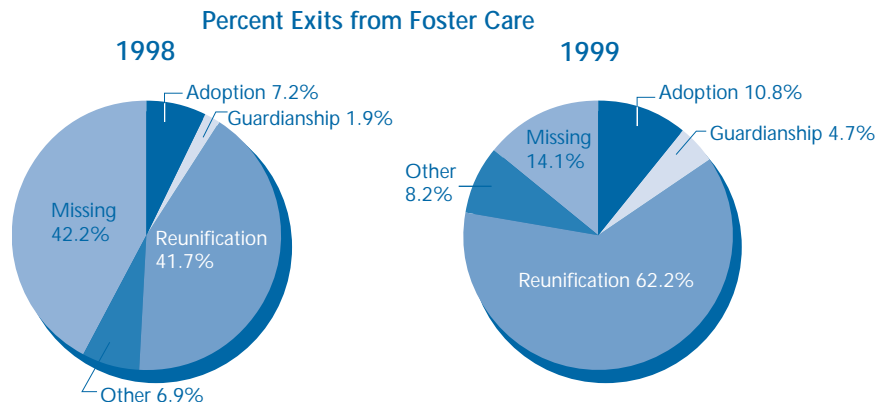
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	7.2	10.8
Guardianship	1.9	4.7
Reunification	41.7	62.2
Other	6.9	8.2
Missing	42.2	14.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,296	2,933



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	9.2	13.5
Guardianship	1.1	2.4
Reunification	38.1	55.7
Other	14.2	16.5
Missing	37.5	12.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	544	460

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.3	1.0
Guardianship	1.3	3.0
Reunification	39.4	53.2
Other	18.1	24.8
Missing	41.0	18.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	757	596

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.2	32.5
Children older than 12 at entry	67.8	67.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	143	166

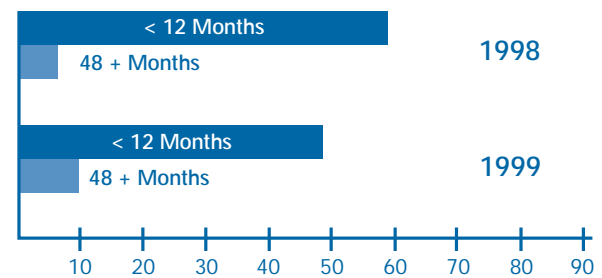
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	25.0	12.5	—	6.3	10.3	7.7	5.0
Guardianship	—	—	—	12.5	2.3	5.7	4.6	—
Reunification	16.7	62.5	62.5	50.0	40.3	63.3	44.6	63.3
Other	—	12.5	12.5	12.5	6.3	7.1	3.1	10.0
Missing	83.3	—	12.5	25.0	44.6	13.6	40.0	21.7
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6	8	8	8	2,224	2,077	65	60

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.2	13.0	—	—	N/A	—	8.3	10.0
Guardianship	0.7	2.3	—	—	N/A	—	2.1	2.9
Reunification	44.9	58.3	—	—	N/A	—	41.7	67.1
Other	8.9	11.5	—	—	N/A	—	2.1	5.7
Missing	36.3	14.9	—	—	N/A	—	45.8	14.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	—	—	N/A	—	100.0	100.0
Number	945	710	—	—	N/A	—	48	70

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

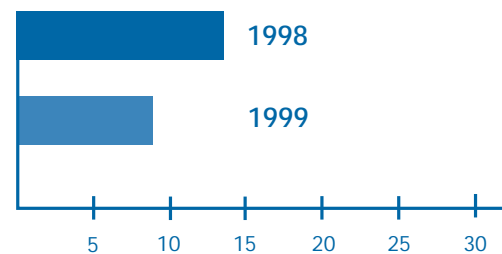
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	58.9	48.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.9	19.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.7	16.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	8.1	6.3
48 or more mos.	6.1	9.9
Missing	0.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,376	1,823

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	74.4	80.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.5	8.9
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.1	9.8
Missing	1.0	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,467	3,936

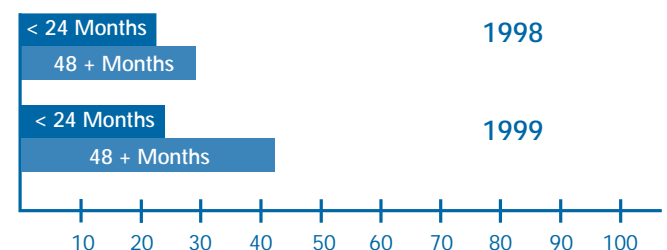
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	6.3	10.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.0	13.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	25.6	15.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	22.7	18.3
48 or more mos.	29.0	42.3
Missing	0.4	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	238	317

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

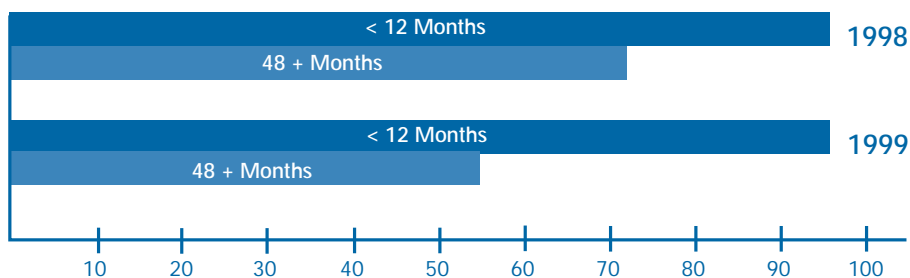


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	95.4	4.6	—	100.0	4,909
	1999	95.4	4.6	—	100.0	4,252
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	88.2	11.8	—	100.0	3,221
	1999	82.2	17.8	—	100.0	2,900
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	82.8	17.2	—	100.0	2,136
	1999	69.7	30.3	—	100.0	2,361
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	78.5	21.5	—	100.0	1,752
	1999	60.8	39.2	—	100.0	1,678
48 or more mos.	1998	71.9	28.1	—	100.0	4,109
	1999	54.5	45.5	—	100.0	5,184
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	59
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	13

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	4.7	6.4
Institutions	1.3	3.9
Other settings	93.0	87.5
Missing	1.0	2.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,258	3,042

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Maryland does not have data available to calculate outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 because until 1998 Maryland could not by law maintain a centralized database containing the names of alleged child maltreatment victims or perpetrators. Since no information could be maintained on maltreaters, our database was never programmed to maintain victim information. Maryland could only track incidents or households in which presumed maltreatment occurred. The 1999 survey provides incident based statistics but does not provide counts or demographic information on individual child victims.

In previous years, the NCANDS contractor created child counts for the Maryland survey by multiplying Maryland's household count by a national average number of children per household. The Maryland manager of In-Home Services recommends against using such a multiplier for 1999 data. We prefer blanks until such time as better data can be submitted. [Maryland's data for Section B was removed at their request.]

The ruling against a centralized database on alleged perpetrators was overturned in 1999. Maryland can now collect this information in a centralized database when certain conditions are met. The computer system has been updated to accept a victim identifier. It is taking time to acquaint CPS workers with the new procedures for entering victim and perpetrator codes into the system. Collecting and reporting of these data will be expedited when Maryland implements its SACWIS data system, MD CHESSIE.

For Section B, the number of child maltreatment victims in 1999 should be 15,410, and the number of child fatalities should be 36.

With regard to Section C and Outcome Measure 4.1: Maryland's length of stay in out-of-home care tends to be longer than that of other states because trial home visits or after care is included in the measure of out-of-home stay. Also, children placed with relatives (in kinship care and relative foster care) tend to stay longer than children in regular foster care. A large percentage (over 40%) of children in out-of-home care are placed with relatives in Maryland.

The difference between the adoption counts in Section E and exits to adoption reported in Measures 3.1 and 5.1 is due to the fact that the former is a manual count and the latter measures (exits to adoption) are derived from DHR's Client Information System (CIS). The former is used for the semi-annual Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) adoption data submission to DHHS while the latter is used to count exits to adoption when reporting AFCARS foster care data.

Tracking adoptions on CIS is difficult. To maintain confidentiality, children drop out of the system when they assume new identities in the process of adoption. This leads to an undercount (of exits to adoption). A second factor leading to undercounting adoptions on CIS is the common practice of workers using an exit reason of "other" when closing out-of-home care cases. Thanks to corrective action, the use of this catch-all category is declining.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,457,703	1,468,554	Child maltreatment victims	27,559	—
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	11,169
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	1,100	922
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.9	5.2			
Black	7.8	8.1			
Hispanic	10.0	10.4			
White	77.1	76.2			
% Child population in poverty	21.1	19.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	97.1	96.9			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,899	—	36.3 per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	27,559	—	18.9 per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	—	0.9 per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	—	—	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	—	—	Unknown	—	—
Number	—	—	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	—
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	—	—
Physical abuse	—	—
Sexual abuse	—	—
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	—	—
Number	—	—

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11,550	7,368	7,749	11,169	18,918
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	22.1	N/A	10.7	18.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	2.4	—	8.5	—	3.0	—	2.6
1-5 years	—	22.4	—	19.5	—	21.4	—	20.0
6-10 years	—	24.4	—	19.1	—	21.3	—	22.9
11-15 years	—	30.2	—	39.1	—	28.4	—	32.6
16-18 years	—	18.0	—	13.3	—	23.1	—	19.2
19+ years	—	1.9	—	0.2	—	1.6	—	2.2
Missing	—	0.6	—	0.3	—	1.2	—	0.6
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	11,550	—	7,368	—	7,749	—	11,169

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.3	—	0.3	—	0.2	—	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	1.6	—	1.6	—	1.7	—	1.5
Black	—	20.1	—	15.4	—	18.4	—	18.2
Hispanic	—	21.0	—	16.7	—	18.2	—	20.0
White	—	48.7	—	47.1	—	47.9	—	48.3
Unknown	—	8.0	—	18.7	—	13.4	—	11.3
Not applicable	—	0.4	—	0.2	—	0.3	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	11,550	—	7,368	—	7,749	—	11,169

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	3,278
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	927

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	2.5
1-5 years	—	39.5
6-10 years	—	41.2
11-15 years	—	16.1
16+ years	—	0.7
Unknown	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,278

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	2.1
Black	—	19.5
Hispanic	—	24.9
White	—	44.2
Unknown	—	8.1
Not applicable	—	0.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,278

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.5	0.3
1-5 years	46.9	44.7
6-10 years	39.2	41.8
11-15 years	12.7	12.7
16+ years	0.6	0.5
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,100	922

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.9
Black	22.8	23.8
Hispanic	23.1	20.9
White	46.2	51.6
Unknown	7.0	2.6
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,100	922

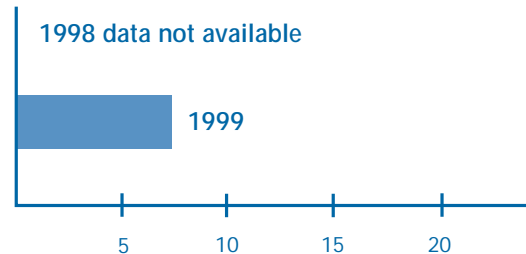
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	—	7.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	14,167

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

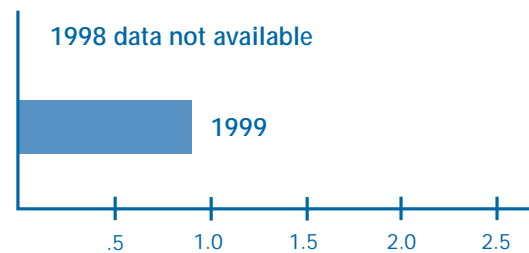


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.9
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	16,590

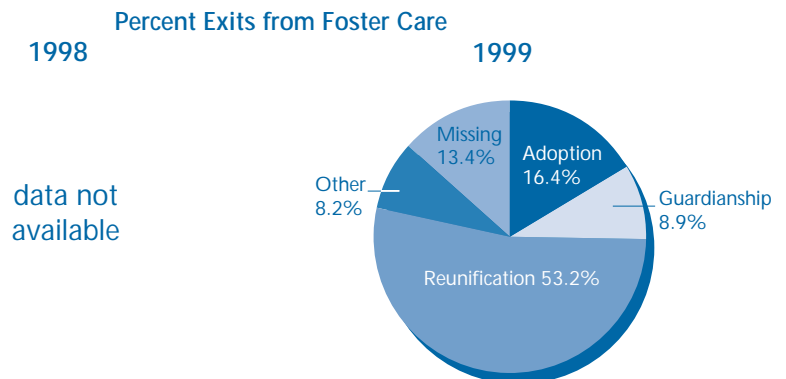
Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care



3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	16.4
Guardianship	—	8.9
Reunification	—	53.2
Other	—	8.2
Missing	—	13.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	7,749



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	29.4
Guardianship	—	5.9
Reunification	—	29.4
Other	—	17.6
Missing	—	17.6
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	17

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.1
Guardianship	—	3.0
Reunification	—	64.2
Other	—	16.0
Missing	—	16.6
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,957

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	25.0
Children older than 12 at entry	—	74.6
Missing	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	635

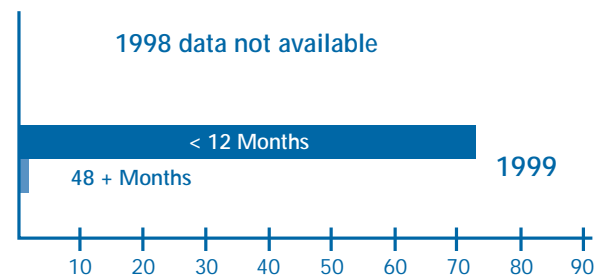
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	5.9	—	5.3	—	20.2	—	21.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	0.8	—	13.7	—	7.0
Reunification	—	88.2	—	71.2	—	43.0	—	49.0
Other	—	5.9	—	9.1	—	8.6	—	8.2
Missing	—	—	—	13.6	—	14.5	—	14.1
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	17	—	132	—	1,422	—	1,414

	White	Unable to Determine	Not Applicable	Missing
Adoption	—	16.1	—	18.0
Guardianship	—	8.9	—	9.3
Reunification	—	53.8	—	49.4
Other	—	9.1	—	8.7
Missing	—	12.1	—	14.7
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	3,708	—	334

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

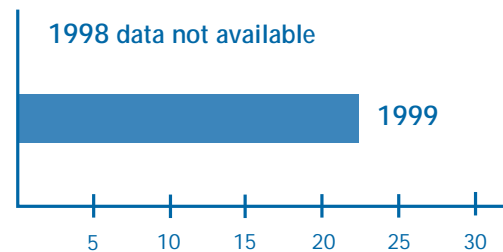
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	72.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	15.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	5.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	2.3
48 or more mos.	—	1.9
Missing	—	2.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,121

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	66.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	22.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	11.3
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	7,368

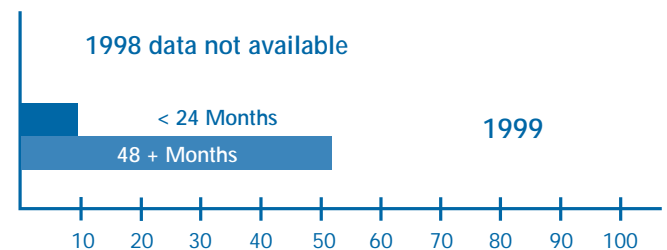
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	2.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	6.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	17.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	21.2
48 or more mos.	—	52.0
Missing	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,271

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

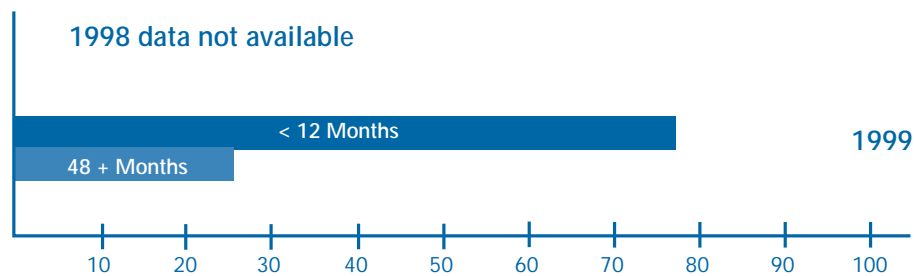


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	77.0	18.4	4.7	100.0	8,170
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	58.7	40.1	1.2	100.0	3,252
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	49.4	50.5	0.1	100.0	2,187
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	39.9	60.1	—	100.0	1,460
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	25.3	74.7	0.0	100.0	3,626
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	46.6	0.9	52.5	100.0	223

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	3.8
Institutions	—	4.4
Other settings	—	91.5
Missing	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,877

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[Massachusetts provided its own numbers for fatalities.]
With regard to child maltreatment data for Massachusetts, there were 13 child fatalities in 1998 related to child abuse/neglect. The children who died were from families known to the Department. Consequently the count is an underestimate of child fatalities from abuse and neglect in Massachusetts. Starting in CY 2001, we will be counting all child abuse/neglect fatalities, whether they occur in families known or unknown to the Department.

[Massachusetts requested that the 1999 data provided by NCANDS for children subject of an investigative report and for numbers of child victims be removed from the data pages because they are estimates. The State supplied the following as correct numbers.] The actual numbers for 1999 are: 30,349 child maltreatment victims and 56,335 children subject of an investigated report alleging maltreatment.

In Section B, data were not available concerning the characteristics of child maltreatment victims. Also, no data were available to calculate outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 in 1998. In 1998, the Department of Social Services was in the process of converting to a new management information system. Consequently, our Information Technology Division was unable to provide a data extract for 1998.

The data for the measures under Outcome 3 indicate that for FY 1999, reason for discharge information was missing for a number of children. The "missing data" occurred because AFCARS does not have all the Home Removal End Reasons used in our database (FamilyNet). When our Home Removal End Reasons were mapped to the AFCARS discharge reason values, it resulted in a high number of missing values. This problem will be corrected in our next submission for 2000.

The data in Section E indicates that 922 children were adopted in FY99 (from the AFCARS Adoption Database). However, as shown in outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1, it was reported that 1,271 of the exits from foster care in FY99 (from the AFCARS Foster Care Database) were discharges to adoption. The AFCARS Adoption file, which is based on a "legal status end reason" of adoption, is more accurate in recording the adoptions that actually occurred than the AFCARS foster care file that captures the "placement end reason."

Our analysis of "time to adoption" indicates that the 52% of adopted children having been in placement for 4 years or more is on the high side. Our analysis suggests that this percent was 36% (in care for more than 4 years) for children adopted in FY 1999. Since your value is based on the AFCARS foster care file with discharge reason of adoption, not the AFCARS adoption file, clearly, some of the 1,271 were not adopted, hence the subtotals (length of stay categories) must be somewhat suspect. Our IT staff will be looking into what we can do to make the adoption data in the AFCARS foster care file more accurate.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	2,551,615	2,561,139	Child maltreatment victims	22,744	24,505
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	—
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.7	0.6	Children adopted	2,257	2,446
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.8	1.9			
Black	17.1	17.2			
Hispanic	3.9	4.1			
White	76.5	76.2			
% Child population in poverty	15.3	14.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	87.2	91.3			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	156,425	166,160	61.3 per 1,000	64.9 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	22,744	24,505	8.9 per 1,000	9.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	40	48	1.6 per 100,000	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	11.0	11.9	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.7
1-5 years	30.3	28.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.4
6-10 years	30.9	31.0	Black	39.8	40.7
11-15 years	23.0	23.5	Hispanic	2.6	2.4
16+ years	4.8	4.7	White	54.7	55.8
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	2.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.8	—
Number	22,744	24,505	Total % ²	100.0	102.4
			Number	22,744	24,505

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	6.0	6.9
Medical neglect	2.3	2.3
Neglect	46.3	70.8
Physical abuse	19.9	20.9
Sexual abuse	6.8	6.5
Other	25.3	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	106.6	107.4
Number	22,744	24,505

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	—	—	—	—
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-18 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19+ years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	—
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	—

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	—	—
6-10 years	—	—
11-15 years	—	—
16+ years	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	—	—
White	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.3	1.3
1-5 years	44.9	47.1
6-10 years	37.8	34.3
11-15 years	13.8	15.9
16+ years	2.2	1.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,257	2,446

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	1.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1
Black	53.0	51.5
Hispanic	3.2	4.3
White	41.4	42.4
Unknown	0.7	0.7
Not applicable	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,257	2,446

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

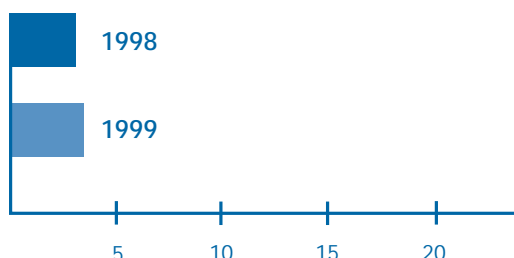
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

(NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	96.9	96.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.1	3.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	11,430	11,576

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	—
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	—
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	—
Institutions	—	—
Other settings	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

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Michigan did not report most of the data elements to the sources used for this report for several reasons. Participation in the DCDC of NCANDS is voluntary, and Michigan had other more critical automation priorities including Y2K. The remaining data comes from AFCARS. Michigan's AFCARS report for FY 1998 included all required adoption data and foster care data available in electronic form. Unfortunately, only data from States able to report complete AFCARS data was included in the first report.

Michigan intends to comply with AFCARS and is working toward the implementation of SACWIS, which will provide complete and accurate AFCARS data. Michigan also is working with NCANDS project staff to develop a program that will compile the DCDC data for future reports.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,259,447	1,271,850	Child maltreatment victims	10,572	11,113
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	8,521	8,996
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.8	1.8	Children adopted	429	633
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.1	4.3			
Black	4.1	4.3			
Hispanic	2.8	3.0			
White	87.1	86.6			
% Child population in poverty	17.8	7.9			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	73.5	73.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	24,844	24,855	19.7 per 1,000	19.5 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	10,572	11,113	8.4 per 1,000	8.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	28	0.2 per 100,000	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.6	6.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	7.5	10.1
1-5 years	30.8	31.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	2.8	4.0
6-10 years	35.2	35.1	Black	25.9	28.1
11-15 years	23.5	22.0	Hispanic	6.7	7.4
16+ years	4.9	4.7	White	62.6	62.6
Unknown	0.1	0.8	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.2	1.9
Number	10,572	11,113	Total % ²	106.7	114.1
			Number	10,572	11,113

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	0.9	1.0
Medical neglect	3.5	4.6
Neglect	69.4	77.4
Physical abuse	26.1	24.8
Sexual abuse	8.1	7.3
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	108.1	115.0
Number	10,572	11,113

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

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3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	7,118	9,574	8,171	8,521	16,692
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,012	10,724	9,743	8,996	18,736

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	16.9	N/A	2.1	12.7	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	13.7	N/A	2.3	12.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.3	2.6	5.3	5.8	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.0
1-5 years	17.2	15.6	15.7	14.6	15.8	14.5	15.3	15.6
6-10 years	23.7	21.5	15.2	14.8	16.2	15.0	20.9	19.8
11-15 years	35.8	36.9	41.3	39.7	34.3	34.2	37.6	35.8
16-18 years	20.2	22.5	22.1	24.7	29.3	32.1	22.7	24.8
19+ years	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	7,118	8,012	9,574	10,724	8,171	9,743	8,521	8,996

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	12.7	11.9	8.8	8.0	8.3	8.4	12.6	11.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.3	1.2	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.5
Black	22.2	20.2	20.3	19.1	20.2	18.3	21.9	20.9
Hispanic	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.2
White	58.5	54.1	61.2	58.4	61.6	58.8	58.6	54.2
Unknown	1.0	0.8	2.4	1.6	2.8	1.8	0.8	0.7
Not applicable	—	7.0	—	5.0	—	5.3	—	6.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,572	8,012	9,000	10,724	7,684	9,743	7,888	8,996

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	2,215	2,147
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,850	1,763

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.4	3.6
1-5 years	28.9	28.8
6-10 years	37.2	34.5
11-15 years	22.2	24.4
16+ years	5.6	6.7
Unknown	1.8	2.0
Total %	100	100.0
Number	2,215	2,147

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	8.9	8.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5
Black	31.2	31.0
Hispanic	6.3	6.4
White	42.5	44.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2
Not applicable	10.2	9.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,215	2,147

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.2	1.6
1-5 years	36.4	40.4
6-10 years	45.9	41.5
11-15 years	14.9	15.6
16+ years	1.6	0.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	429	633

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	8.6	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.6	—
Black	42.2	33.0
Hispanic	5.6	3.5
White	42.0	46.4
Unknown	—	5.2
Not applicable	—	11.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	429	633

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

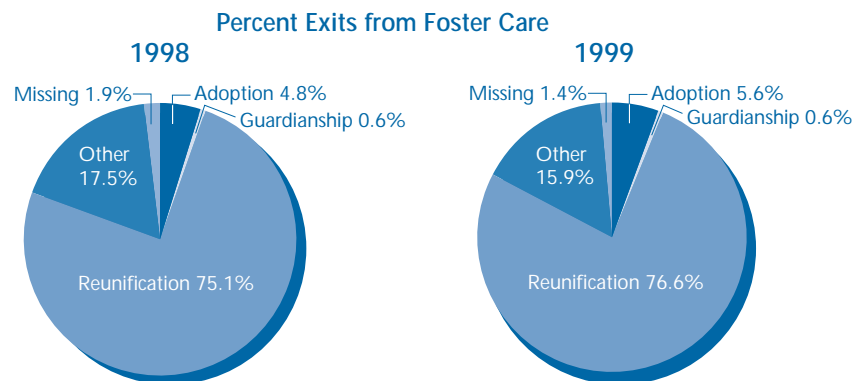
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	4.8	5.6
Guardianship	0.6	0.6
Reunification	75.1	76.6
Other	17.5	15.9
Missing	1.9	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,171	9,743



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	5.1	9.0
Guardianship	0.6	0.5
Reunification	67.4	68.4
Other	22.0	19.1
Missing	4.8	2.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,735	2,510

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	0.0
Guardianship	0.3	0.3
Reunification	75.5	77.8
Other	22.3	20.6
Missing	1.7	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,432	5,573

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.3	21.9
Children older than 12 at entry	77.7	78.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	291	347

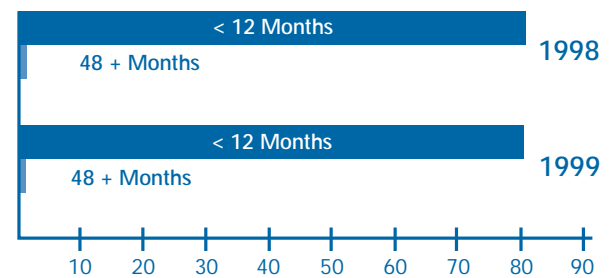
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	4.7	6.0	1.1	0.8	7.7	10.2	4.1	7.1
Guardianship	0.3	0.1	—	—	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4
Reunification	74.6	76.3	71.4	80.0	70.1	70.2	81.2	75.0
Other	18.6	15.8	23.1	16.1	18.2	16.9	13.8	16.7
Missing	1.7	1.8	4.4	3.1	3.5	2.2	0.3	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	635	818	182	255	1,556	1,781	362	468

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	3.4	3.5	2.3	1.1	N/A	14.7	11.9	—
Guardianship	0.7	0.6	0.5	—	N/A	1.4	0.4	—
Reunification	76.4	78.8	87.6	86.8	N/A	70.7	71.7	—
Other	17.9	15.9	8.8	11.5	N/A	13.1	14.8	—
Missing	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	N/A	0.2	1.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
Number	4,732	5,729	217	174	N/A	518	487	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

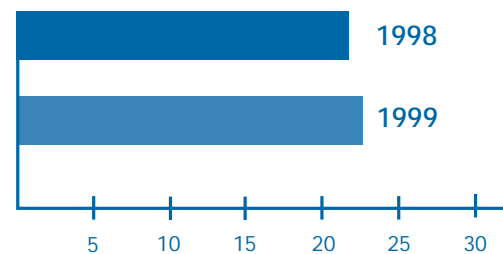
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	80.7	80.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	9.7	10.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.4	2.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.6	1.4
Missing	4.3	3.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,140	7,461

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	65.2	62.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	21.8	22.7
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.4	8.6
Missing	4.6	5.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	9,574	10,724

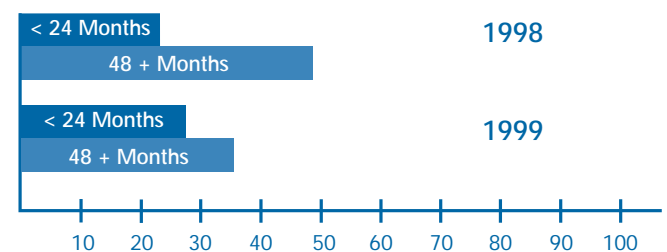
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	10.5	11.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.8	16.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.8	18.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	14.3	17.6
48 or more mos.	48.7	35.5
Missing	—	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	392	546

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

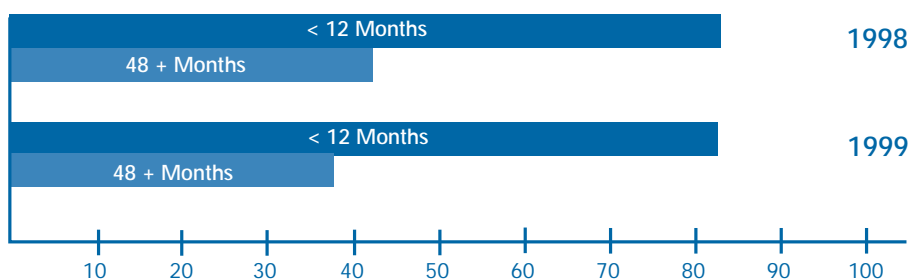


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	82.7	17.3	—	100.0	10,232
	1999	82.3	17.7	—	100.0	11,596
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	51.5	48.5	—	100.0	2,239
	1999	49.9	50.1	—	100.0	2,794
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	41.6	58.4	—	100.0	1,161
	1999	39.9	60.1	—	100.0	1,199
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	36.6	63.4	—	100.0	749
	1999	37.8	62.2	—	100.0	799
48 or more mos.	1998	42.0	58.0	—	100.0	1,957
	1999	37.8	62.2	—	100.0	1,961
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	354
	1999	99.0	1.0	—	100.0	387

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.7	2.4
Institutions	25.5	24.0
Other settings	50.9	60.3
Missing	21.9	13.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,206	4,532

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With respect to measures 1.1 and 2.1, in 1998 and 1999 the Minnesota state child maltreatment information system did not collect the necessary data elements to calculate recurrence of abuse or neglect or incidence of abuse or neglect while in foster care. Prior to the implementation of our Social Services Information System in 1999, data on recurrence of child abuse and neglect were not consistently tracked using one data system. Also, information on the incidence of child abuse and neglect in facilities was housed in different places within the state and the data were not easily coordinated. Therefore, the data were not available for the current Annual Report.

With the implementation of our Social Services Information System, we are now able to provide information on recurrence of child abuse and neglect beginning with the 2000 maltreatment data. We expect to coordinate the storage and reporting, in the standard NCANDS format, of the incidence of child abuse and neglect in foster care facilities by 2002.

With respect to Section C, there were fewer numbers of children in care on October 1, 1998 than on September 30, 1998. When comparing between timeframes (i.e., the end and beginning of a federal fiscal year), the number of children remaining in care at the end of the timeframe will not be the same as the number of children continuing in care at the beginning of the next timeframe because:

- Counties update and correct their records after the date a report is due
- Minnesota's reporting process considers only the last episode of care when categorizing the status of a child during any given year. Therefore, a child that remains in care at the end of one year and experiences an exit and reentry into care the during the subsequent year might not be counted as exiting care during the subsequent year but will be counted as entering care.

For outcome measure 7.1 pertaining to the percent of children ages 12 or younger placed in institutions, Minnesota's numbers may be higher than other states because of Minnesota's use of facilities to provide emergency shelter and because these non-family placements are categorized (in AFCARS) as institutional placements.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	756,875	752,866	Child maltreatment victims	6,079	6,523
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	3,359	3,196
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.5	Children adopted	170	237
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8			
Black	45.0	44.8			
Hispanic	1.0	1.0			
White	52.8	52.8			
% Child population in poverty	22.9	22.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	37.8	35.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,404	29,422	42.8 per 1,000	39.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	6,079	6,523	8.0 per 1,000	8.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	7	0.7 per 100,000	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.0	6.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2
1-5 years	29.3	28.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.5
6-10 years	31.8	29.6	Black	51.5	52.8
11-15 years	25.0	25.8	Hispanic	1.1	1.6
16+ years	8.9	9.6	White	47.8	46.3
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.4	0.2
Number	6,079	6,523	Total % ²	101.1	101.6
			Number	6,079	6,523

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	2.5	2.7
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	62.0	47.0
Physical abuse	19.7	26.6
Sexual abuse	13.4	21.1
Other	2.4	2.6
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	6,079	6,523

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,852	1,821	1,325	3,359	4,673
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	3,121	1,750	1,676	3,196	4,871
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	18.9	N/A	10.1	17.4	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	18.3	N/A	12.5	17.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.7	3.6	12.1	11.3	4.6	3.3	3.7	3.5
1-5 years	27.1	25.5	28.4	29.4	29.9	25.5	25.9	26.4
6-10 years	27.3	27.5	25.3	27.9	25.7	30.8	27.1	26.9
11-15 years	26.6	27.4	25.9	24.1	24.3	23.1	26.5	27.1
16-18 years	13.5	14.4	6.6	6.9	11.8	14.7	14.4	13.9
19+ years	1.5	1.2	—	0.1	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.9
Missing	0.3	0.4	1.6	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,852	3,121	1,821	1,750	1,325	1,676	3,359	3,196

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Black	56.8	58.6	55.5	55.7	50.7	54.4	58.4	59.2
Hispanic	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7
White	41.4	40.3	42.9	43.3	47.2	44.9	40.0	39.5
Unknown	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,852	3,121	1,821	1,750	1,325	1,676	3,359	3,196

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	616	581
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	174	289

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.0	1.7
1-5 years	26.3	21.2
6-10 years	35.9	33.9
11-15 years	25.8	27.7
16+ years	8.8	11.7
Unknown	2.3	3.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	616	581

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.2
Black	64.6	68.8
Hispanic	—	0.2
White	34.6	30.5
Unknown	0.2	0.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	616	581

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.8	0.8
1-5 years	27.6	32.5
6-10 years	37.6	47.3
11-15 years	25.3	18.6
16+ years	7.1	0.8
Unknown	0.6	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	170	237

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	1.7
Black	48.8	49.4
Hispanic	1.8	—
White	47.6	48.5
Unknown	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	170	237

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

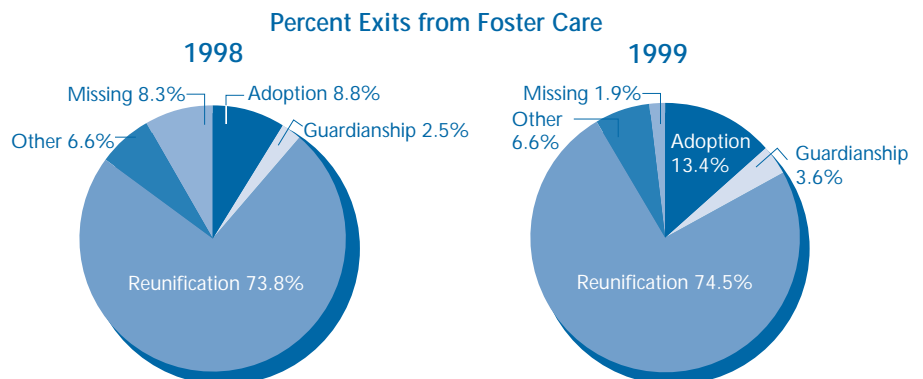
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	8.8	13.4
Guardianship	2.5	3.6
Reunification	73.8	74.5
Other	6.6	6.6
Missing	8.3	1.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,325	1,676



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	16.6	23.4
Guardianship	5.1	3.6
Reunification	52.6	59.5
Other	16.0	11.7
Missing	9.7	1.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	175	222

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.3
Guardianship	2.1	3.6
Reunification	66.8	77.9
Other	19.6	16.2
Missing	11.4	2.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	280	389

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.4	36.8
Children older than 12 at entry	69.6	61.8
Missing	—	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	56	76

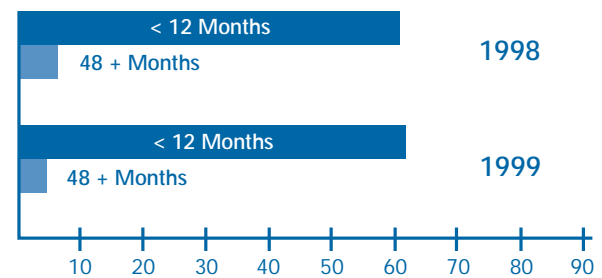
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	7.4	12.4	50.0	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	2.7	2.4	—	—
Reunification	—	—	25.0	—	75.1	77.7	41.7	62.5
Other	—	—	50.0	100.0	5.7	5.9	8.3	25.0
Missing	—	—	25.0	—	9.1	1.5	—	12.5
Total %	—	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	—	—	4	1	672	912	12	8

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.4	14.9	8.3	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	2.4	5.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	73.3	70.9	75.0	33.3	N/A	—	—	—
Other	7.5	7.0	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	7.4	2.0	16.7	66.7	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	625	752	12	3	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

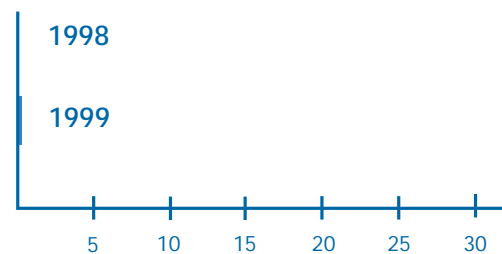
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	60.9	61.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.6	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.6	9.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	3.8
48 or more mos.	6.2	4.9
Missing	2.9	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	978	1,248

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	98.8	98.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	0.1
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	—
Missing	1.2	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,821	1,750

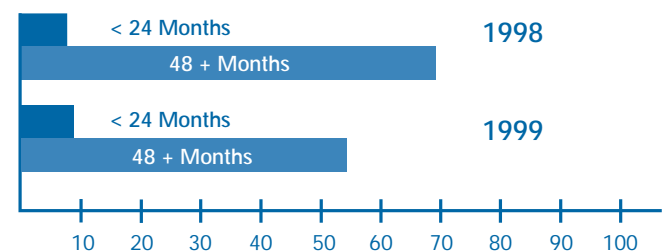
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	5.2	8.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.9	17.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	10.3	19.1
48 or more mos.	69.0	54.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	116	225

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

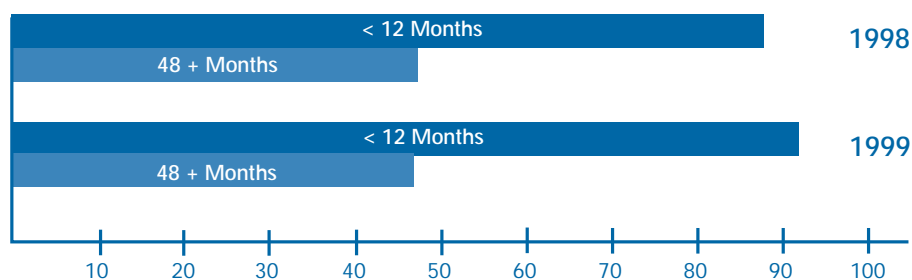


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	87.2	7.7	5.1	100.0	1,993
	1999	91.7	7.2	1.1	100.0	1,992
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	74.0	22.5	3.5	100.0	915
	1999	77.4	21.2	1.4	100.0	1,053
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	68.7	30.1	1.2	100.0	515
	1999	62.9	34.8	2.2	100.0	580
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	62.7	34.2	3.0	100.0	330
	1999	65.6	34.4	—	100.0	323
48 or more mos.	1998	47.2	50.1	2.7	100.0	886
	1999	46.9	51.8	1.3	100.0	898
Missing	1998	70.6	8.8	20.6	100.0	34
	1999	88.0	—	12.0	100.0	25

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	16.2	20.7
Institutions	1.9	2.4
Other settings	76.7	76.9
Missing	5.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,267	1,309

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Mississippi does not have data available for outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 because this information is obtained through NCANDS DCDC submissions and at this time, Mississippi reports SDC instead of DCDC due to constraints on our current data system. When we are online with our Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System, we will incorporate DCDC and this information will become available.

The data in Section C indicate a difference between the numbers of children in care on the last day of fiscal year 1998 and the first day of fiscal year 1999. This information is obtained from AFCARS. We can find no explanation for the variance in these numbers.

Outcome measure 7.1 indicates a high percentage of children placed in group homes. This information is obtained from the living arrangement codes in AFCARS. The particular code for group homes is also the same code for emergency shelters in which most of our children are admitted on a short-term basis (but more than 24 hours) before a more permanent placement is located.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,406,616	1,399,492	Child maltreatment victims	12,556	9,079
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	12,495	12,577
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	640	849
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.2	1.3			
Black	14.3	14.4			
Hispanic	2.2	2.3			
White	81.9	81.7			
% Child population in poverty	18.7	18.2			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	72.9	74.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	75,178	71,488	53.4 per 1,000	51.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	12,556	9,079	8.9 per 1,000	6.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	36	2.0 per 100,000	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.7	5.5	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2
1-5 years	28.1	28.7	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3
6-10 years	33.3	31.2	Black	27.5	26.0
11-15 years	28.0	29.5	Hispanic	1.1	0.9
16+ years	4.6	4.7	White	70.3	72.0
Unknown	0.2	0.3	Other	1.5	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.3	0.4
Number	12,556	9,079	Total % ²	101.1	100.9
			Number	12,556	9,079

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	2.0	1.5
Medical neglect	2.8	2.5
Neglect	54.6	49.6
Physical abuse	21.7	24.1
Sexual abuse	18.3	26.0
Other	9.5	5.2
Unknown	0.7	1.1
Total % ³	109.5	110.1
Number	12,556	9,079

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	10,941	6,504	4,950	12,495	17,445
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11,540	6,341	5,304	12,577	17,881
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	19.3	N/A	10.6	18.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	19.3	N/A	12.8	18.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.4	3.7	12.5	12.7	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8
1-5 years	24.6	23.5	24.7	24.2	24.6	24.6	23.4	22.8
6-10 years	26.2	26.2	23.4	24.2	23.4	24.3	26.2	26.3
11-15 years	29.9	29.7	32.0	31.4	27.3	24.9	29.6	30.3
16-18 years	14.2	15.0	7.3	7.4	17.5	18.8	15.0	15.0
19+ years	1.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.9	1.8	1.9
Missing	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	10,941	11,540	6,504	6,341	4,950	5,304	12,495	12,577

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2
Black	42.9	43.5	35.9	35.0	33.4	33.5	43.1	43.5
Hispanic	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.1	1.0
White	55.2	54.7	61.8	62.3	64.0	63.6	55.2	54.7
Unknown	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	10,941	11,540	6,504	6,341	4,950	5,304	12,495	12,577

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	2,459	3,143
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,323	2,150

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.9	1.9
1-5 years	29.8	28.0
6-10 years	35.4	35.4
11-15 years	26.3	28.1
16+ years	4.8	5.3
Unknown	1.8	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,459	3,143

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2
Black	45.3	43.2
Hispanic	1.1	1.1
White	53.2	54.9
Unknown	0.1	0.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,459	3,143

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.3	1.3
1-5 years	42.8	45.1
6-10 years	36.7	32.9
11-15 years	16.6	17.2
16+ years	2.7	3.5
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	640	849

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.5	0.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1
Black	39.8	39.8
Hispanic	0.3	1.1
White	58.9	58.2
Unknown	0.2	0.1
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	640	849

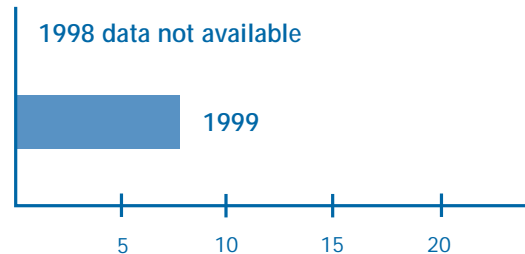
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	92.1
Children with one or more recurrences	—	7.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,109

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

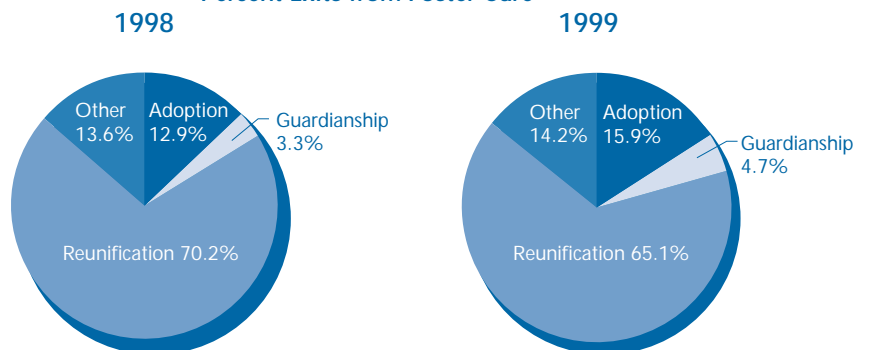
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	12.9	15.9
Guardianship	3.3	4.7
Reunification	70.2	65.1
Other	13.6	14.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,950	5,304

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	18.4	24.3
Guardianship	2.5	3.8
Reunification	61.0	50.9
Other	18.0	21.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,378	822

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.4	1.3
Guardianship	1.7	2.5
Reunification	73.2	70.1
Other	24.7	26.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,523	1,597

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49.3	47.1
Children older than 12 at entry	50.7	52.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	489	594

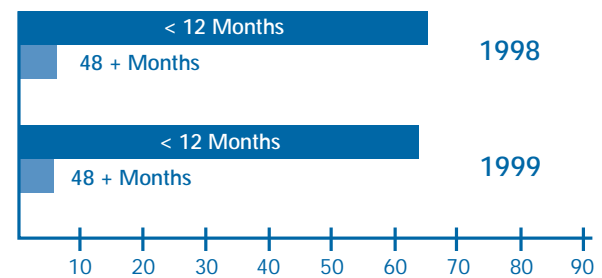
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	21.4	42.9	8.7	8.3	15.4	19.0	2.6	7.9
Guardianship	7.1	—	—	8.3	3.5	5.0	—	3.5
Reunification	57.1	50.0	87.0	75.0	67.4	63.0	83.1	64.9
Other	14.3	7.1	4.3	8.3	13.7	13.1	14.3	23.7
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	14	14	23	12	1,655	1,776	77	114

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	11.9	14.5	6.7	7.7	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	3.3	4.7	6.7	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	71.2	66.3	80.0	84.6	N/A	—	—	—
Other	13.6	14.6	6.7	7.7	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	3,166	3,375	15	13	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

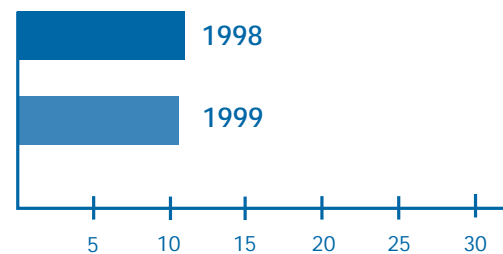
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	65.1	63.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.4	19.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	6.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.6	3.4
48 or more mos.	6.1	5.8
Missing	0.9	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,473	3,455

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	76.8	76.8
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.0	10.5
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.2	10.9
Missing	2.0	1.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,504	6,341

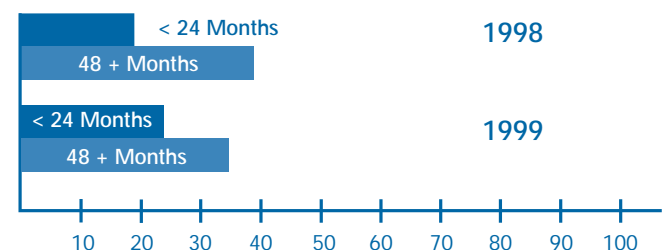
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	3.4	5.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.5	18.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	20.0	24.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	22.2	16.7
48 or more mos.	38.9	34.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	640	844

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

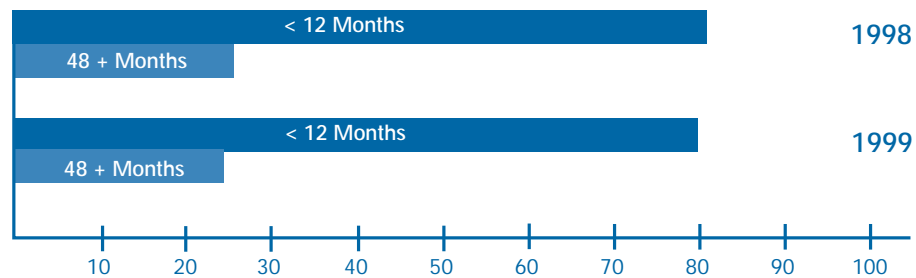


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	80.9	19.1	—	100.0	7,105
	1999	79.4	20.6	—	100.0	7,048
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	54.1	45.9	—	100.0	3,485
	1999	56.0	44.0	—	100.0	3,768
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	43.0	57.0	—	100.0	2,291
	1999	44.1	55.9	—	100.0	2,265
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	35.0	65.0	—	100.0	1,439
	1999	34.7	65.3	—	100.0	1,544
48 or more mos.	1998	25.6	74.4	—	100.0	3,075
	1999	24.8	75.2	—	100.0	3,194
Missing	1998	98.0	2.0	—	100.0	50
	1999	93.5	6.5	—	100.0	62

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.7	1.6
Institutions	12.1	12.0
Other settings	86.1	86.4
Missing	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,464	4,402

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Missouri continues to be committed to providing the most accurate data possible through our NCANDS and AFCARS transmissions. We continue to enhance our data systems to more completely detail our compliance with the mandates of ASFA and to better serve our families. We have, once again, seen a significant increase in adoptions of foster children. We have also intensified our efforts to safely return children to their families whenever possible. Our Child Fatality Review Panels continue their aggressive pursuit to accurately identify all child maltreatment deaths.

Missouri does not have data for outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 for 1998 because there was an error in our NCANDS transmission and our second transmission was not timely enough for the data to be included here. We do have data for measure 1.1 for 1999.

The data in Section C indicate that Missouri had 955 fewer children in care on 10-1-98 than on 9-30-98. Our data indicate that the difference was actually less than ten children. We believe this underscores one of the problems with the structure of AFCARS reporting requirements. We believe all of our data would be much more accurate if we were permitted to update past transmissions every time we sent a new transmission. These discrepancies are due to untimely completion of paperwork and do not accurately reflect our social work practice.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	224,403	223,819	Child maltreatment victims	3,292	3,414
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	1,991	2,156
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.1	10.4	Children adopted	149	186
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8			
Black	0.4	0.3			
Hispanic	2.6	2.7			
White	86.2	85.7			
% Child population in poverty	20.5	21.8			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	19.8	23.3			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	19,004	20,315	84.7 per 1,000	90.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	3,292	3,414	14.7 per 1,000	15.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	4	1.3 per 100,000	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.3	7.0	Alaska Native/American Indian	25.0	24.9
1-5 years	33.7	31.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.3
6-10 years	31.1	32.0	Black	1.2	0.8
11-15 years	23.2	24.8	Hispanic	2.8	1.9
16+ years	4.7	4.2	White	56.5	57.1
Unknown	—	0.0	Other	14.4	16.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	—
Number	3,292	3,414	Total % ²	100.0	101.9
			Number	3,292	3,414

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	15.9	12.2
Medical neglect	2.5	2.5
Neglect	54.3	62.0
Physical abuse	13.0	9.2
Sexual abuse	9.7	9.2
Other	4.7	4.9
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	3,292	3,414

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	1,711	1,503	1,223	1,991	3,214
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,891	1,596	1,331	2,156	3,487
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	16.8	N/A	3.4	17.0	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	18.6	N/A	4.5	15.6	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.1	5.0	14.0	13.1	7.2	7.4	4.9	4.6
1-5 years	24.9	24.1	29.4	27.2	30.1	27.0	25.4	24.3
6-10 years	28.0	27.2	23.7	26.7	25.3	26.1	26.3	26.9
11-15 years	30.2	28.8	25.7	25.8	24.4	22.7	28.7	29.7
16-18 years	12.7	14.8	7.2	7.1	12.4	15.7	14.4	14.4
19+ years	0.1	0.2	—	0.1	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.1
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,711	1,891	1,503	1,596	1,223	1,331	1,991	2,156

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	27.7	26.3	28.7	31.0	30.3	25.8	26.9	30.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.4
Black	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.9	1.6
Hispanic	1.8	3.1	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.1
White	66.3	64.5	58.7	59.0	60.7	64.2	64.0	60.6
Unknown	2.6	3.9	6.7	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.1	4.1
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,711	1,891	1,503	1,596	1,223	1,331	1,991	2,156

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	709	780
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	626	690

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	2.4
1-5 years	26.8	24.9
6-10 years	27.9	27.8
11-15 years	33.3	32.6
16+ years	9.2	10.9
Unknown	0.8	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	709	780

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	18.9	19.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.7	0.5
Black	1.4	2.1
Hispanic	2.8	3.8
White	72.2	70.3
Unknown	3.9	4.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	709	780

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	1.6
1-5 years	44.3	46.2
6-10 years	36.9	30.6
11-15 years	16.8	18.8
16+ years	2.0	2.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	149	186

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	10.7	18.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	1.1
Black	1.3	1.1
Hispanic	3.4	2.2
White	83.9	73.7
Unknown	0.7	3.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	149	186

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

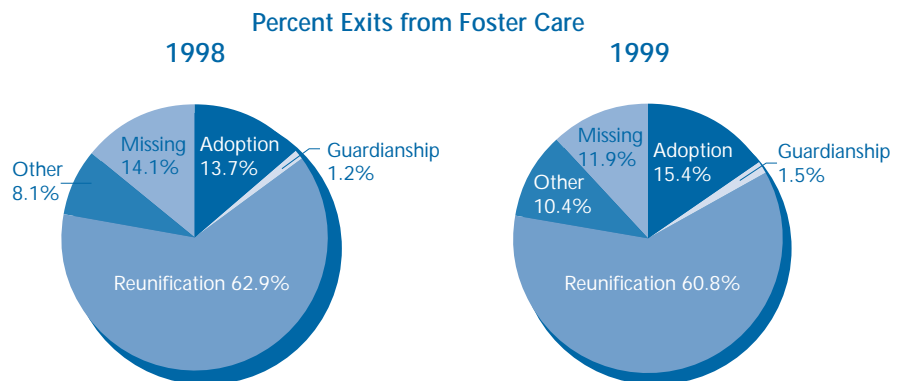
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	13.7	15.4
Guardianship	1.2	1.5
Reunification	62.9	60.8
Other	8.1	10.4
Missing	14.1	11.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,223	1,331



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	22.7	28.2
Guardianship	—	5.1
Reunification	40.9	25.6
Other	27.3	23.1
Missing	9.1	17.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	22	39

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.3	0.3
Guardianship	2.7	1.6
Reunification	51.0	52.5
Other	27.2	34.0
Missing	18.8	11.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	298	318

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.8	27.3
Children older than 12 at entry	79.2	72.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	53	99

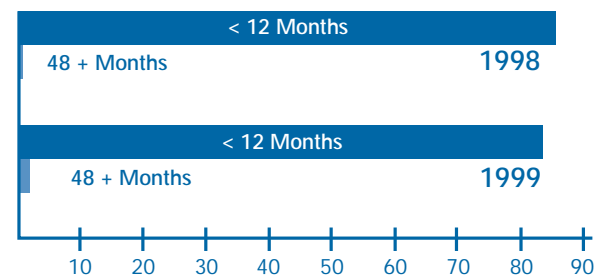
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	5.1	11.4	—	22.2	16.7	11.1	17.1	10.3
Guardianship	1.6	1.7	—	—	—	—	—	2.6
Reunification	65.0	61.8	—	66.7	41.7	72.2	65.7	66.7
Other	5.1	4.7	—	11.1	8.3	16.7	5.7	—
Missing	23.2	20.4	100.0	—	33.3	—	11.4	20.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	371	343	1	9	12	18	35	39

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	18.1	17.0	10.5	20.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.8	1.4	5.3	1.5	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	61.5	59.2	70.2	67.7	N/A	—	80.0	100.0
Other	10.1	13.7	1.8	3.1	N/A	—	20.0	—
Missing	9.6	8.8	12.3	7.7	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	100.0	100.0
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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

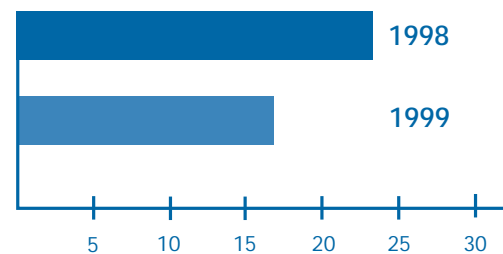
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	85.6	83.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.2	10.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.6	2.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.3	2.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	769	809

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	69.2	72.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	23.2	16.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.0	8.3
Missing	2.6	2.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,503	1,596

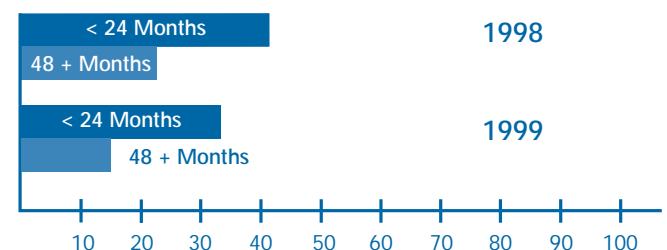
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	15.6	14.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.5	19.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	22.8	32.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	11.4	19.5
48 or more mos.	22.8	15.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	167	205

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

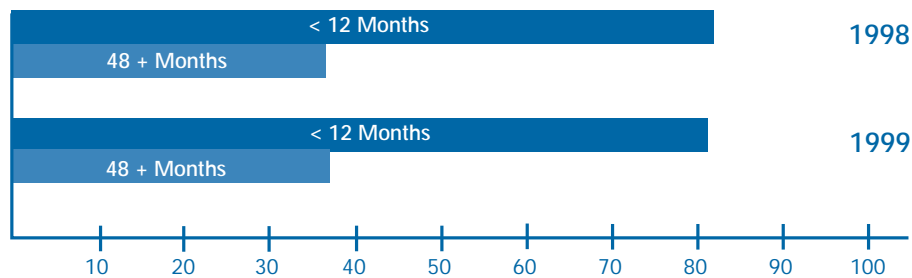


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	81.9	18.1	—	100.0	1,668
	1999	81.0	19.0	—	100.0	1,770
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	61.6	38.4	—	100.0	560
	1999	50.4	49.6	—	100.0	607
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	47.8	52.2	—	100.0	362
	1999	50.3	49.7	—	100.0	366
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	49.4	50.6	—	100.0	241
	1999	40.1	59.9	—	100.0	252
48 or more mos.	1998	36.3	63.7	—	100.0	380
	1999	37.0	63.0	—	100.0	487
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	3
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	5

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	10.8	8.6
Institutions	0.4	0.2
Other settings	88.7	91.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,145	1,204

Montana

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	445,642	443,800	Child maltreatment victims	4,219	3,474
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	5,532
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.3	Children adopted	—	197
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.7	1.7			
Black	5.0	5.0			
Hispanic	6.5	6.9			
White	85.6	85.0			
% Child population in poverty	12.9	11.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	55.6	53.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	14,641	13,582	32.9 per 1,000	30.6 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	4,219	3,474	9.5 per 1,000	7.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	—	— per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	6.2	8.4	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	4.6
1-5 years	33.1	31.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.8
6-10 years	31.1	31.0	Black	—	12.4
11-15 years	24.5	22.3	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	5.0	4.3	White	—	66.1
Unknown	—	2.7	Other	—	8.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	7.5
Number	4,219	3,474	Total % ²	—	100.0
			Number	—	3,474

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	3.9
Medical neglect	—	0.2
Neglect	66.4	64.5
Physical abuse	29.2	21.6
Sexual abuse	11.4	9.8
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	106.9	100.0
Number	4,219	3,474

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	4,640	2,864	1,972	5,532	7,504
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	9.3	N/A	10.9	14.8	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	2.2	—	7.5	—	2.1	—	2.3
1-5 years	—	19.8	—	17.6	—	21.6	—	17.1
6-10 years	—	22.8	—	16.5	—	23.5	—	18.9
11-15 years	—	34.8	—	37.4	—	24.5	—	33.9
16-18 years	—	20.5	—	21.0	—	28.2	—	27.8
19+ years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	4,640	—	2,864	—	1,972	—	5,532

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Alaska Native/American Indian	—	8.0	—	7.8	—	7.2	—	8.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2	—	0.6	—	0.5	—	0.3
Black	—	17.6	—	13.0	—	14.0	—	16.5
Hispanic	—	7.0	—	9.7	—	8.6	—	7.8
White	—	65.4	—	67.7	—	68.0	—	65.7
Unknown	—	1.9	—	1.3	—	1.8	—	1.6
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	4,640	—	2,864	—	1,972	—	5,532

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	173
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	164

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	0.6
1-5 years	—	28.9
6-10 years	—	30.6
11-15 years	—	28.3
16+ years	—	10.4
Unknown	—	1.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	173

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Alaska Native/American Indian	—	7.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	6.4
Hispanic	—	12.7
White	—	72.3
Unknown	—	1.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	173

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	0.5
1-5 years	—	38.6
6-10 years	—	43.7
11-15 years	—	15.7
16+ years	—	1.5
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	197

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Alaska Native/American Indian	—	2.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	20.3
Hispanic	—	7.1
White	—	68.5
Unknown	—	1.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	197

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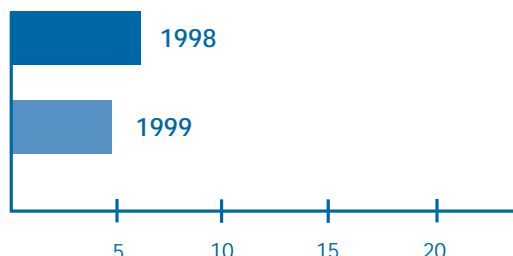
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

(NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	93.8	95.2
Children with one or more recurrences	6.2	4.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	613	1,118

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

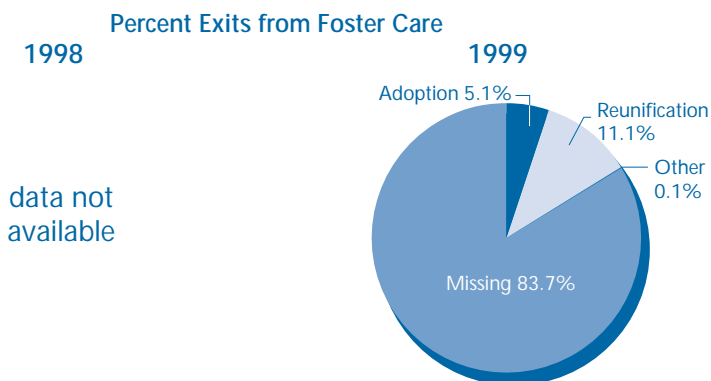
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	5.1
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	11.1
Other	—	0.1
Missing	—	83.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,972



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	6.3
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	18.8
Other	—	—
Missing	—	75.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	16

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	8.0
Other	—	—
Missing	—	92.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	761

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	100.0
Children older than 12 at entry	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1

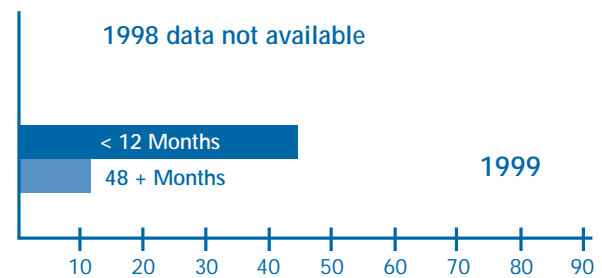
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	1.4	—	—	—	4.7	—	5.3
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	12.1	—	—	—	15.9	—	8.3
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	86.5	—	100.0	—	79.3	—	86.4
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	141	—	10	—	276	—	169

	White	Unable to Determine	Not Applicable	Missing
Adoption	—	5.6	—	2.9
Guardianship	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	10.6	—	5.7
Other	—	0.1	—	—
Missing	—	83.7	—	91.4
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	1,341	—	35

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

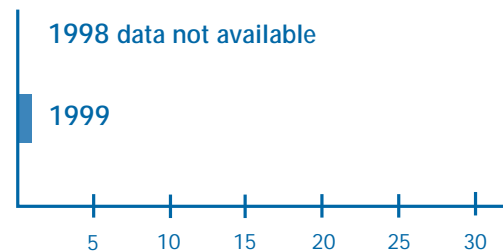
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	44.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	23.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	11.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	7.8
48 or more mos.	—	11.9
Missing	—	0.5
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	219

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	91.7
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	1.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	—
Missing	—	7.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,864

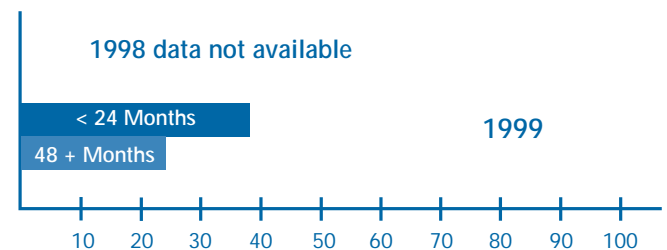
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	16.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	22.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	12.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	26.0
48 or more mos.	—	24.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	100

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

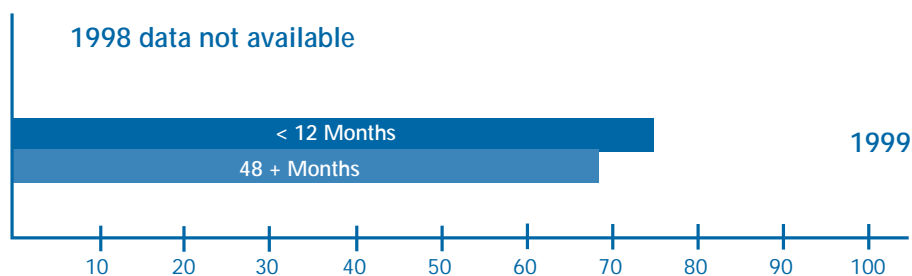


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	74.7	24.8	0.6	100.0	3,389
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	58.7	41.1	0.2	100.0	2,213
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	67.0	32.8	0.1	100.0	728
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	70.1	29.9	—	100.0	418
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	68.3	31.5	0.1	100.0	739
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	76.5	23.5	—	100.0	17

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	2.2
Institutions	—	6.6
Other settings	—	91.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,105

Nebraska

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	467,107	491,476	Child maltreatment victims	8,014	8,238
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	—
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	1.7	Children adopted	—	123
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.5	4.8			
Black	8.4	8.3			
Hispanic	22.4	23.6			
White	63.0	61.6			
% Child population in poverty	17.4	17.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	85.9	83.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,229	27,682	49.7 per 1,000	56.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	8,014	8,238	17.2 per 1,000	16.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	7	2.8 per 100,000	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	11.8	12.3	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	1.3
1-5 years	35.5	36.7	Asian/Pacific Islander	1.4	1.0
6-10 years	30.0	29.3	Black	19.0	20.2
11-15 years	19.5	18.6	Hispanic	13.6	7.2
16+ years	3.2	3.1	White	61.6	65.3
Unknown	—	—	Other	2.4	4.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.1	7.2
Number	8,014	8,238	Total % ²	100.0	107.2
			Number	8,014	8,238

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	3.9	3.7
Medical neglect	3.1	2.2
Neglect	58.6	22.1
Physical abuse	17.4	14.6
Sexual abuse	3.4	2.8
Other	46.4	54.7
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	132.8	100.0
Number	8,014	8,238

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	—	—	—	—
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-18 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19+ years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	—
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	—

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	—	—
6-10 years	—	—
11-15 years	—	—
16+ years	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	—	—
White	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	3.3
1-5 years	—	56.1
6-10 years	—	27.6
11-15 years	—	13.0
16+ years	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	123

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	17.1
Hispanic	—	6.5
White	—	74.8
Unknown	—	0.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	123

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	—
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	—
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	—
Institutions	—	—
Other settings	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

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Created in July 1991, the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is the result of a legislative decision to co-locate three separate child-related services within the State's Department of Human Resources. From the beginning DCFS has sought to bring to the children and families of Nevada seamless and comprehensive welfare, juvenile justice and mental health services.

Once created, it was soon apparent that the new division lacked a comprehensive information system to serve both its own operational needs as well as provide required reporting for continued financial assistance from such federal entities as the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Child welfare service activity, for example, was tracked in part through a non-AFCARS compliant mainframe-based automatic payment system. Other program activity was tracked via paper/pencil reporting.

In May of 1994, DCFS submitted a Planning Advanced Planning Document to ACF as a first step in the division's determination to design and implement an AFCARS compliant Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). The Division's new federally approved SACWIS, named UNITY, is now operational. The system just completed statewide rollout in the fall of 2000.

There were no adequate DCFS AFCARS submissions to ACF prior to 2000. Division data was grossly incomplete. With the recent advent of UNITY, DCFS is now in the process of refining its AFCARS reporting capability.

In the 2000-3 AFCARS report, DCFS Foster Care data were not reportable. The 79 adoption cases submitted did meet the data compliance standard.

Over 1600 DCFS Foster Care cases were submitted in the 2000-9 AFCARS report along with 125 adoption cases. Submissions fell short of the data compliance standard due to several format and/or content errors. DCFS UNITY is currently addressing these errors and will resubmit its report prior to the 31 Mar 01 ACF deadline.

I am confident that continued efforts to refine our new SACWIS will soon enable DCFS to provide ACF complete, accurate and data standard compliant AFCARS reporting.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	298,610	304,436	Child maltreatment victims	1,159	926
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	1,367
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	51	63
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.3	1.4			
Black	0.6	0.6			
Hispanic	2.1	2.3			
White	95.7	95.5			
% Child population in poverty	14.6	8.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	67.3	63.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	8,974	8,833	30.1 per 1,000	29.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	1,159	926	3.9 per 1,000	3.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	3	0.3 per 100,000	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	—	—	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	—	—	Unknown	—	—
Number	—	—	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	3.9	5.3
Medical neglect	—	1.9
Neglect	66.3	65.2
Physical abuse	27.4	27.5
Sexual abuse	27.8	25.7
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	125.4	125.7
Number	1,159	926

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,330	601	564	1,367	1,931
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.1	N/A	14.6	22.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	2.2	—	10.0	—	3.2	—	2.5
1-5 years	—	21.0	—	22.0	—	18.8	—	20.5
6-10 years	—	26.2	—	22.1	—	15.8	—	27.3
11-15 years	—	30.6	—	36.3	—	27.0	—	31.7
16-18 years	—	18.3	—	9.5	—	30.9	—	16.5
19+ years	—	1.7	—	—	—	4.1	—	1.3
Missing	—	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.4	—	0.2
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	1,330	—	601	—	564	—	1,367

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.5	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2	—	0.3	—	—	—	0.4
Black	—	3.1	—	2.3	—	2.0	—	3.2
Hispanic	—	3.8	—	6.0	—	4.6	—	4.4
White	—	91.4	—	77.2	—	88.1	—	86.5
Unknown	—	1.0	—	13.8	—	4.8	—	5.0
Not applicable	—	0.1	—	0.3	—	0.4	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	1,330	—	601	—	564	—	1,367

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	101
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	29

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	1.0
1-5 years	—	44.6
6-10 years	—	44.6
11-15 years	—	8.9
16+ years	—	1.0
Unknown	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	101

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	4.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	5.9
Hispanic	—	4.0
White	—	85.1
Unknown	—	1.0
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	101

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	51.0	49.2
6-10 years	33.3	39.7
11-15 years	13.7	9.5
16+ years	2.0	1.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	51	63

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.0	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	7.8	—
Hispanic	5.9	6.3
White	84.3	87.3
Unknown	—	1.6
Not applicable	—	4.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	51	63

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

New Hampshire [OUTCOMES DATA]

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

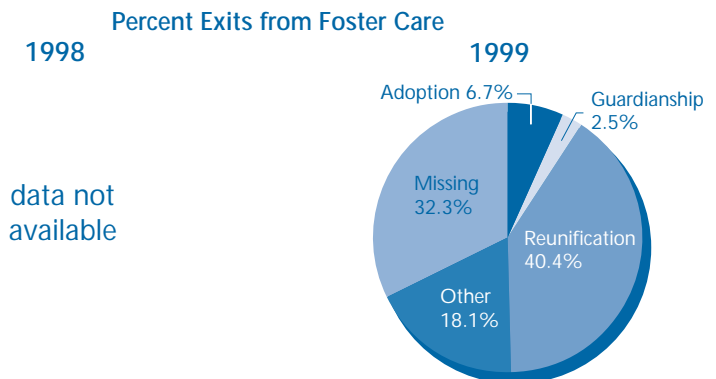
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Adoption	—	6.7
Guardianship	—	2.5
Reunification	—	40.4
Other	—	18.1
Missing	—	32.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	564



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	15.2
Guardianship	—	3.3
Reunification	—	29.3
Other	—	19.6
Missing	—	32.6
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	92

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	1.7
Reunification	—	40.0
Other	—	23.8
Missing	—	34.5
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	235

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	45.6
Children older than 12 at entry	—	54.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	57

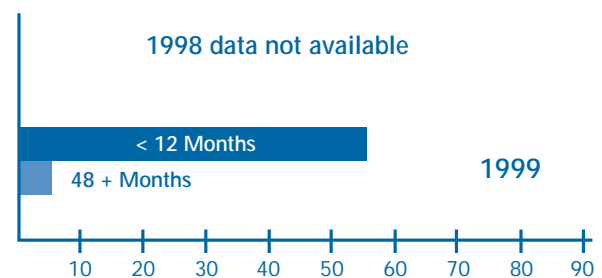
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	36.4	—	53.8
Other	—	—	—	—	—	27.3	—	11.5
Missing	—	100.0	—	—	—	36.4	—	26.9
Total %	—	100.0	—	—	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	1	—	—	—	11	—	26

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	7.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	2.8	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	40.0	—	33.3	N/A	—	—	42.9
Other	—	18.3	—	—	N/A	—	—	23.8
Missing	—	31.6	—	66.7	N/A	100.0	—	33.3
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	N/A	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	497	—	6	N/A	2	—	21

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

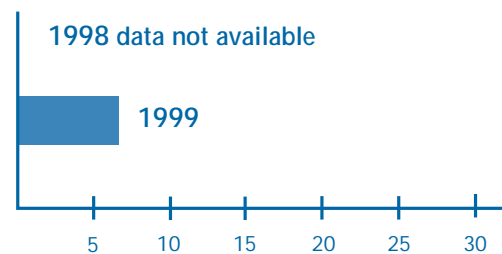
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	55.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	27.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	9.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	2.6
48 or more mos.	—	5.3
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	228

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	89.5
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	6.7
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	2.5
Missing	—	1.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	601

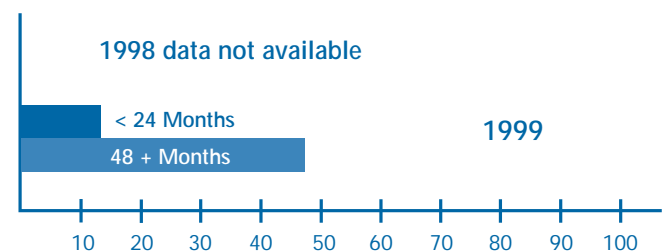
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	2.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	10.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	23.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	15.8
48 or more mos.	—	47.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	38

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

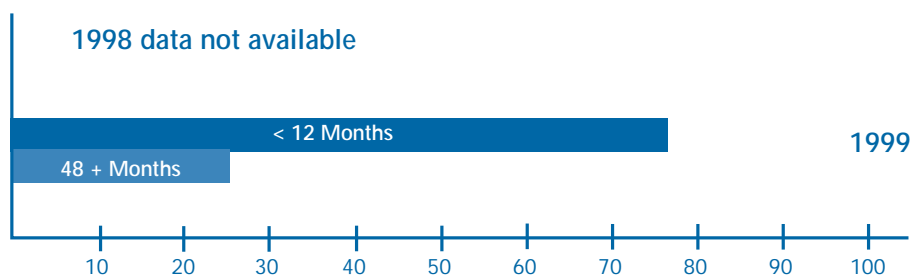


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	76.2	23.8	—	100.0	673
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	57.9	42.1	—	100.0	399
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	42.7	57.3	—	100.0	279
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	42.5	57.5	—	100.0	174
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	25.8	74.2	—	100.0	392
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	92.9	7.1	—	100.0	14

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	11.7
Institutions	—	1.1
Other settings	—	86.1
Missing	—	1.1
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	367

New Hampshire [STATE COMMENTS]

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Data to calculate outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 and data pertaining to age or race/ethnicity of maltreatment victims were not available. These data will be available once the state has put its NCANDS DCDC report into production. This report is currently in User Acceptance Testing and is expected to be brought on line by May 2001. The state would be prepared, at that time, to submit reports for past reporting periods.

Data for outcome measure 3.1 indicate that 32.3 percent of the exits from care in FY 1999 did not have "reason for discharge" information. Measures 3.2 and 3.3 also have missing data. In the summer of 2000, the state revised its AFCARS extraction software, with the result that accuracy of reporting of exits from foster care and the reason for them has been increased. A recent extraction of FFY 1999 exit data indicates the missing category is reduced from 32.3% to 19.5%. Moreover, further analysis of data in more

recent years (FFYs 2000 and 2001) indicates that missing exit reasons are continuing to decrease. Finally, the state is introducing changes to the user interface for recording exit reason with the expectation that this will increase reporting accuracy and reduce missing data. The state goal is to collect data that accurately reflect outcomes for children in its foster care system.

With regard to the discrepancy between the number of children adopted in FFY 1999 and the number of children cited as leaving foster care for the reason of adoption, our analysis indicates that while 63 children were in fact adopted in FFY 1999, the reason for leaving foster care was not accurately recorded. The state has been adjusting its business practices to better document adoptions. These practices will be further modified to guarantee that the correct reason for leaving foster care will be recorded when children are in fact adopted.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,990,439	2,003,204	Child maltreatment victims	9,851	9,222
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	9,182	9,494
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	813	729
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.0	6.3			
Black	15.9	15.9			
Hispanic	15.5	15.8			
White	62.4	61.8			
% Child population in poverty	15.0	10.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	100.0	100.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	75,988	74,585	38.2 per 1,000	37.2 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	9,851	9,222	4.9 per 1,000	4.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	29	1.5 per 100,000	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.5	2.4	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.3
1-5 years	30.1	30.6	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	0.7
6-10 years	33.8	33.1	Black	49.6	47.2
11-15 years	23.1	24.2	Hispanic	13.7	15.3
16+ years	7.6	7.3	White	33.5	33.6
Unknown	2.9	2.5	Other	1.4	1.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.7	16.6
Number	9,851	9,222	Total % ²	100.0	115.3
			Number	9,851	9,222

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	2.9	2.8
Medical neglect	3.4	3.2
Neglect	63.2	62.7
Physical abuse	22.5	23.3
Sexual abuse	8.0	8.0
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	9,851	9,222

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	8,672	4,747	4,246	9,182	13,419
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,894	4,768	4,178	9,494	13,662
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	20.1	N/A	11.7	19.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.0	N/A	11.7	20.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	7.6	7.5	21.4	20.2	6.3	6.7	7.5	6.5
1-5 years	32.1	32.1	21.2	20.9	26.2	27.3	32.2	31.4
6-10 years	23.2	23.3	16.4	18.3	18.1	17.8	22.9	24.0
11-15 years	23.2	23.8	28.2	27.8	23.0	22.7	24.1	24.4
16-18 years	13.2	12.7	12.6	12.7	24.2	23.0	12.9	13.1
19+ years	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	2.0	2.1	0.4	0.7
Missing	0.0	0.1	—	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	8,672	8,894	4,747	4,768	4,246	4,178	9,182	9,494

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	65.3	64.9	55.8	55.6	57.5	56.7	64.1	63.8
Hispanic	10.1	9.3	8.5	7.8	9.8	9.5	9.4	8.4
White	21.5	21.6	27.7	28.5	27.4	26.8	21.9	22.8
Unknown	2.5	3.5	7.1	7.6	4.7	6.2	3.9	4.4
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	8,672	8,894	4,747	4,768	4,246	4,178	9,182	9,494

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	3,908	4,427
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	2,900	3,655

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.6	3.7
1-5 years	42.2	41.4
6-10 years	28.3	29.8
11-15 years	18.3	18.3
16+ years	5.8	5.8
Unknown	0.7	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,908	4,427

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
Black	69.9	70.6
Hispanic	8.9	8.0
White	18.3	18.0
Unknown	2.4	2.8
Not applicable	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,908	4,427

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.5	1.0
1-5 years	55.1	58.6
6-10 years	32.5	29.4
11-15 years	10.5	10.4
16+ years	0.5	0.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	813	729

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.3
Black	69.4	65.2
Hispanic	9.0	9.1
White	20.7	22.4
Unknown	0.9	2.5
Not applicable	—	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	813	729

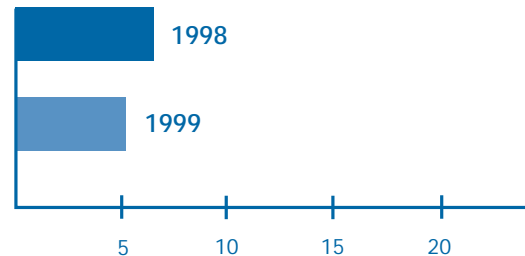
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	93.4	94.8
Children with one or more recurrences	6.6	5.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,633	4,514

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

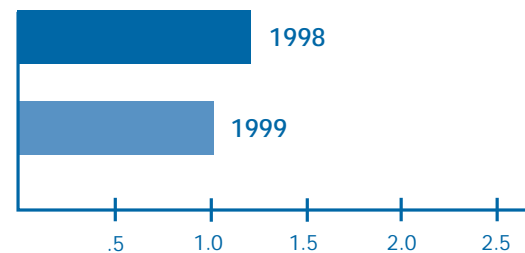


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.2	1.0
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.8	99.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	12,617	12,825

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

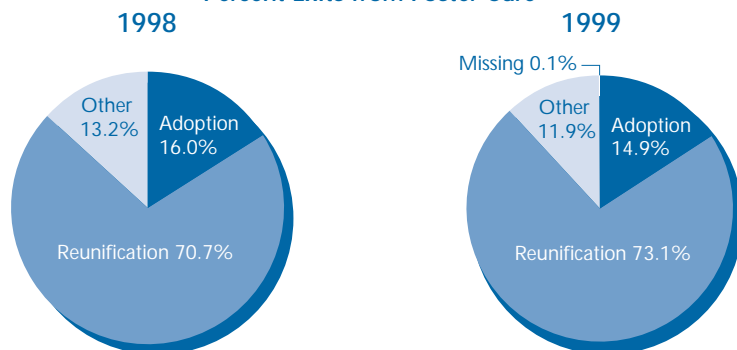


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	16.0	14.9
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	70.7	73.1
Other	13.2	11.9
Missing	0.0	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,246	4,178

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	34.7	31.0
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	50.4	56.5
Other	14.9	12.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	845	768

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	71.7	73.3
Other	28.0	26.4
Missing	0.1	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,426	1,388

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.1	30.1
Children older than 12 at entry	68.9	69.3
Missing	—	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	334	309

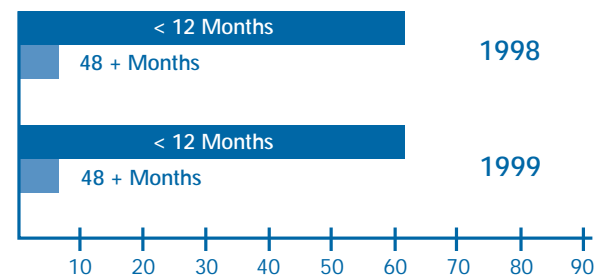
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	13.6	—	7.1	19.1	17.2	12.9	12.9
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	60.0	77.3	63.2	64.3	68.5	70.4	68.4	71.4
Other	40.0	9.1	36.8	28.6	12.4	12.3	18.7	15.7
Missing	—	—	—	—	0.0	0.2	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5	22	19	14	2,440	2,371	418	395

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	13.3	12.8	2.0	5.8	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	73.4	76.2	88.9	87.2	N/A	—	—	—
Other	13.3	10.9	9.0	7.0	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	0.1	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	1,165	1,119	199	257	—	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

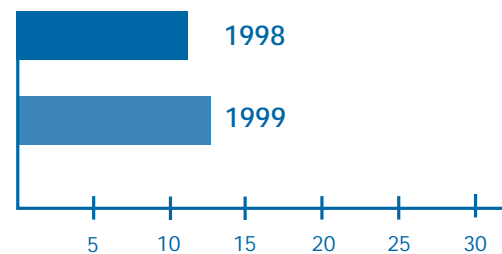
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	61.8	61.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.0	18.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.1	8.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.0	3.5
48 or more mos.	6.8	6.8
Missing	2.3	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,004	3,053

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	77.6	77.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.1	12.7
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.6	8.8
Missing	1.8	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,747	4,768

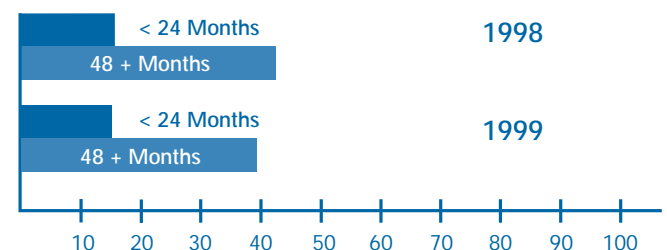
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	5.4	3.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.5	11.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	17.5	19.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	23.0	24.5
48 or more mos.	42.4	39.1
Missing	1.2	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	679	621

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

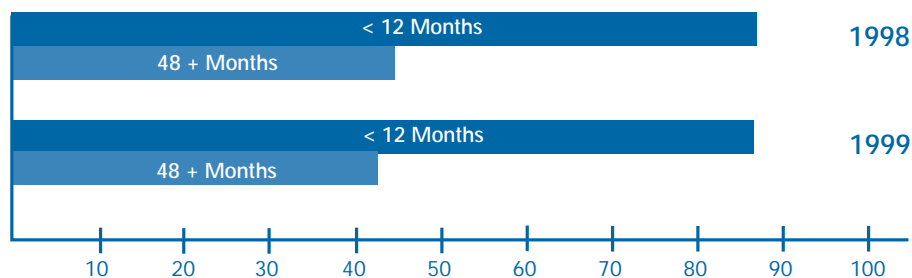


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	86.5	12.4	1.1	100.0	5,300
	1999	86.1	12.1	1.8	100.0	5,403
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	67.5	30.1	2.5	100.0	2,628
	1999	69.7	28.3	2.0	100.0	2,636
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	59.5	38.1	2.4	100.0	1,692
	1999	60.6	36.6	2.8	100.0	1,809
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	53.3	42.5	4.1	100.0	1,329
	1999	53.4	43.6	3.0	100.0	1,213
48 or more mos.	1998	44.4	53.7	1.9	100.0	2,388
	1999	42.5	55.0	2.5	100.0	2,538
Missing	1998	91.5	—	8.5	100.0	82
	1999	93.7	1.6	4.8	100.0	63

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	7.0	4.9
Institutions	7.7	7.4
Other settings	84.4	86.9
Missing	0.9	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,082	3,082

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We have reviewed our state's data pages in light of our AFCARS and NCANDS data and found there were some minor differences in the counts reported by ACF compared to our data. Staff from our Office of Information Systems spoke with an ACF statistician, and while we cannot duplicate his results, we are in substantial agreement that the counts and percentages accurately represent the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services activity.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	504,210	495,612	Child maltreatment victims	4,241	3,730
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	821	1,978
Alaska Native/American Indian	11.8	11.9	Children adopted	197	258
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.2	1.2			
Black	1.7	1.7			
Hispanic	48.4	49.2			
White	36.9	36.0			
% Child population in poverty	30.7	29.7			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	49.6	56.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	13,403	12,084	26.6 per 1,000	24.4 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	4,241	3,730	8.4 per 1,000	7.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	7	1.0 per 100,000	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	5.5	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	8.6
1-5 years	—	23.0	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.7
6-10 years	—	31.1	Black	—	3.7
11-15 years	—	27.1	Hispanic	—	45.9
16+ years	—	9.0	White	—	75.7
Unknown	—	4.3	Other	—	4.2
Total %	—	100.0	Unknown	—	7.1
Number	—	3,730	Total % ²	—	145.9
			Number	—	3,730

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	13.7	16.5
Medical neglect	2.7	2.8
Neglect	52.3	52.4
Physical abuse	24.9	22.3
Sexual abuse	6.3	6.0
Other	0.1	0.0
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	4,241	3,730

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	470	1,480	1,137	821	1,950
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,813	1,840	1,739	1,978	3,653
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2.1	N/A	0.3	6.9	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	13.9	N/A	1.2	18.0	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.3	4.0	11.4	11.5	8.6	6.5	6.7	3.9
1-5 years	29.6	29.2	32.9	33.9	31.9	34.7	32.9	26.9
6-10 years	33.8	29.1	26.8	27.8	27.4	29.0	30.5	30.2
11-15 years	23.8	24.8	23.2	21.4	24.1	20.0	23.1	25.7
16-18 years	7.2	10.4	5.7	5.3	7.9	7.8	6.7	10.9
19+ years	0.2	2.3	—	—	0.1	1.4	—	2.1
Missing	—	0.1	0.1	0.2	—	0.5	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	470	1,813	1,480	1,840	1,137	1,739	821	1,978

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	7.2	5.7	12.0	13.3	14.6	14.5	5.5	6.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	—	0.3
Black	6.2	8.0	5.9	3.8	4.3	4.1	8.2	7.3
Hispanic	55.1	55.6	44.9	49.0	41.0	46.8	56.4	56.3
White	31.3	30.1	28.4	28.5	30.0	29.8	28.0	28.5
Unknown	0.2	—	8.6	4.0	9.9	3.9	1.9	0.3
Not applicable	—	0.3	—	1.0	—	0.5	—	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	470	1,813	1,480	1,840	1,137	1,739	821	1,978

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	120	844
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	18	52

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.0	1.8
1-5 years	33.3	32.1
6-10 years	36.7	41.4
11-15 years	23.3	23.7
16+ years	1.7	1.1
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	120	844

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.5	6.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2
Black	5.0	8.6
Hispanic	69.2	58.9
White	23.3	25.5
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	120	844

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	1.2
1-5 years	41.1	32.9
6-10 years	36.0	46.1
11-15 years	17.8	17.1
16+ years	2.5	2.7
Unknown	0.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	197	258

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	3.0	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	4.1	—
Hispanic	47.7	54.3
White	42.1	45.7
Unknown	3.0	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	197	258

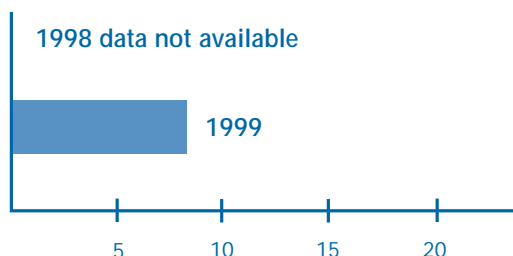
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	91.7
Children with one or more recurrences	—	8.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	915

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

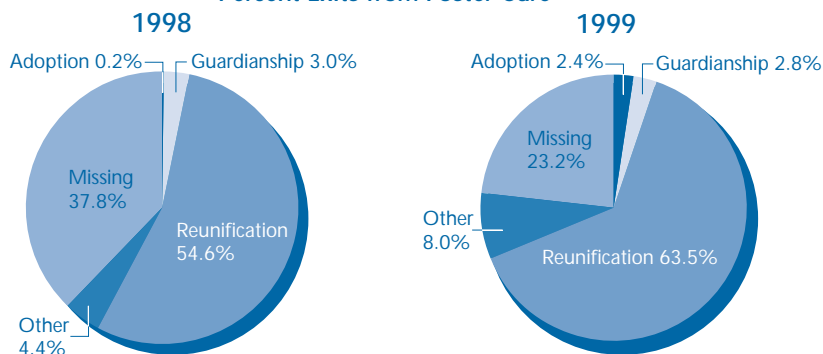
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	2.4
Guardianship	3.0	2.8
Reunification	54.6	63.5
Other	4.4	8.0
Missing	37.8	23.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,137	1,739

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	2.7
Guardianship	1.3	0.9
Reunification	30.8	61.3
Other	11.5	5.4
Missing	56.4	29.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	78	111

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.9
Guardianship	1.7	1.2
Reunification	48.0	52.4
Other	7.4	18.2
Missing	42.8	27.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	229	336

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	100.0	100.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6	37

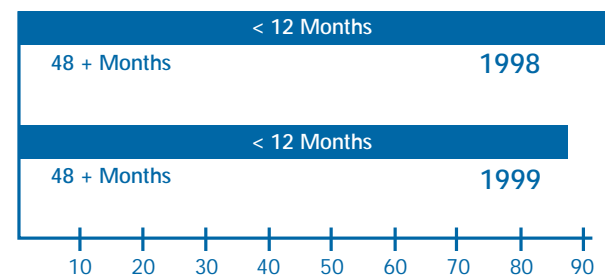
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.4	—	—	—	—	0.4	4.1
Guardianship	3.6	3.2	—	—	—	—	5.4	3.4
Reunification	51.2	60.9	100.0	100.0	51.0	59.7	50.6	59.9
Other	12.7	23.7	—	—	2.0	2.8	2.4	5.0
Missing	32.5	11.9	—	—	46.9	37.5	41.2	27.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	166	253	3	6	49	72	466	813

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	1.5	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.9	2.5	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	57.8	67.6	60.0	50.0	N/A	100.0	76.6	89.3
Other	5.0	6.2	—	8.3	N/A	—	—	5.4
Missing	36.4	22.2	40.0	41.7	N/A	—	23.4	5.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	341	518	65	12	N/A	9	47	56

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

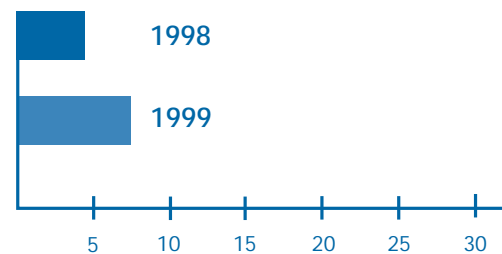
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	94.0	87.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	0.2	7.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	0.2	0.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	5.6	5.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	621	1,105

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	90.8	87.3
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.4	7.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.1	1.1
Missing	4.7	4.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,480	1,840

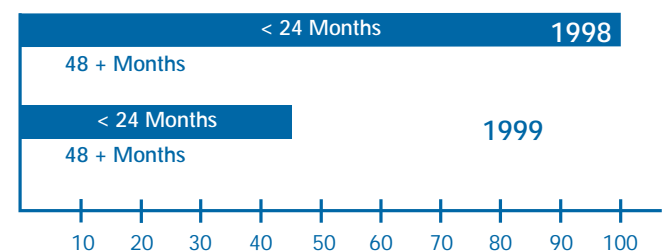
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	4.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	100.0	40.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	52.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	2.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2	42

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

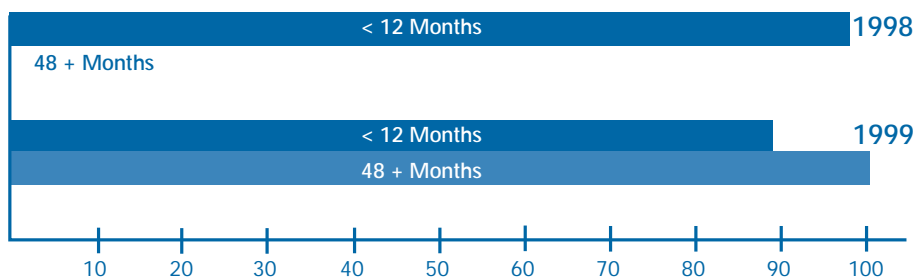


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	97.7	2.3	—	100.0	1,589
	1999	88.8	11.2	—	100.0	1,980
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	96.7	3.3	—	100.0	305
	1999	66.6	33.4	—	100.0	793
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	1
	1999	76.4	23.6	—	100.0	836
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	1
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	55
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	43

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	13.3	13.9
Institutions	2.3	1.8
Other settings	84.3	84.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,193	1,479

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With respect to key context statistics, after review of the 1998 outcomes data, it was discovered that the AFCARS program was dropping files when the first removal from home was not indicated. This resulted in some under reporting of children in foster care for the 1998 data. A project was initiated in February of 2001 to correct the problem, but because of the deadline for final submission of the 99 data some records may still be under reported.

With respect to children in foster care, a disproportionate number of exits from foster care was noted in the early 1999 AFCARS submissions related to the AFCARS program defaulting to a discharge from all placements when records did not indicate a discharge from all placements. The problem was corrected and most records were corrected in the late February submission, but some over reporting of discharges may remain in the 1999 data. The current SACWIS system was activated in July of 1997 with some cases converted from the legacy system. Some older cases may still reflect a placement begin date of July 1997, which will alter measures that reflect time in care prior to 1997.

The recurrence of maltreatment data (outcome measure 1.1) reflects some over representation of subsequent reports of maltreatment related to duplicate investigation records being created by the state central intake operation. All reports require findings and may have had dispositions of maltreatment entered several days or weeks after the first duplicate report, which may inflate the recurrence of maltreatment calculation.

Regarding the data for outcome measure 2.1 (Maltreatment in Foster Care), New Mexico law requires investigation of reports of maltreatment in foster care to be completed by law enforcement outside of the agency. The reports were routed directly to law enforcement and not accepted in the SACWIS system during 1999. Beginning in 2001, reports will be entered in the system.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	4,502,611	4,440,924	Child maltreatment victims	83,537	64,045
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	53,555	52,672
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	Children adopted	4,819	4,719
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.6	5.8			
Black	16.8	16.7			
Hispanic	19.2	19.5			
White	58.2	57.8			
% Child population in poverty	26.2	21.8			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	90.7	92.2			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	240,655	186,002	53.4 per 1,000	41.9 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	83,537	64,045	18.6 per 1,000	14.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	61	79	1.4 per 100,000	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	5.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2
1-5 years	—	26.2	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1
6-10 years	—	29.7	Black	—	31.0
11-15 years	—	25.3	Hispanic	—	18.4
16+ years	—	9.2	White	—	38.0
Unknown	—	4.5	Other	—	22.7
Total %	—	100.0	Unknown	—	7.9
Number	—	64,045	Total % ²	—	118.4
			Number	—	64,045

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.5	1.7
Medical neglect	5.0	6.2
Neglect	19.0	23.3
Physical abuse	21.9	24.8
Sexual abuse	5.3	5.6
Other	148.2	182.9
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	200.9	244.6
Number	83,537	64,045

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	54,102	19,749	20,324	53,555	73,851
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	52,790	17,714	17,857	52,672	70,504

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	32.1	N/A	20.9	28.6	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	28.8	N/A	23.8	28.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.5	3.6	15.5	15.6	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.4
1-5 years	27.5	26.7	23.9	22.9	22.8	22.1	26.6	25.8
6-10 years	28.2	27.9	21.1	21.0	24.0	25.2	27.8	26.9
11-15 years	25.3	25.9	32.7	33.7	25.8	26.3	26.4	27.0
16-18 years	12.6	12.9	6.7	6.8	18.3	17.3	12.8	13.7
19+ years	2.8	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.4	2.7	3.1
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.0	—	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	54,102	52,790	19,749	17,714	20,324	17,857	53,555	52,672

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	48.8	46.3	34.1	32.6	41.3	39.5	46.2	44.0
Hispanic	14.8	14.8	13.5	12.7	13.6	12.7	14.8	14.8
White	13.2	13.7	21.5	23.2	19.7	21.5	13.8	14.2
Unknown	22.9	24.8	30.2	30.8	24.7	25.7	24.9	26.5
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	54,102	52,790	19,749	17,714	20,324	17,857	53,555	52,672

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	17,818	14,882
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	13,596	31

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.9	0.6
1-5 years	29.6	30.0
6-10 years	37.8	38.2
11-15 years	27.4	27.2
16+ years	3.3	3.1
Unknown	1.0	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	17,818	14,882

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Black	51.1	51.3
Hispanic	14.0	14.6
White	9.9	9.1
Unknown	24.9	24.9
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	17,818	14,882

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.4	0.2
1-5 years	31.7	28.7
6-10 years	42.0	41.3
11-15 years	21.4	24.9
16+ years	4.4	4.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,819	4,719

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Black	52.1	48.3
Hispanic	14.1	13.2
White	10.4	10.7
Unknown	23.2	27.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,819	4,719

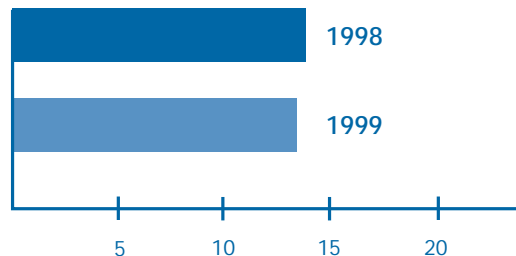
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	86.1	86.5
Children with one or more recurrences	13.9	13.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	33,579	33,687

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

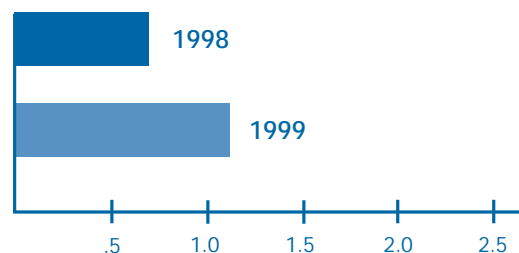


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.7	1.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.3	98.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	69,304	66,252

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

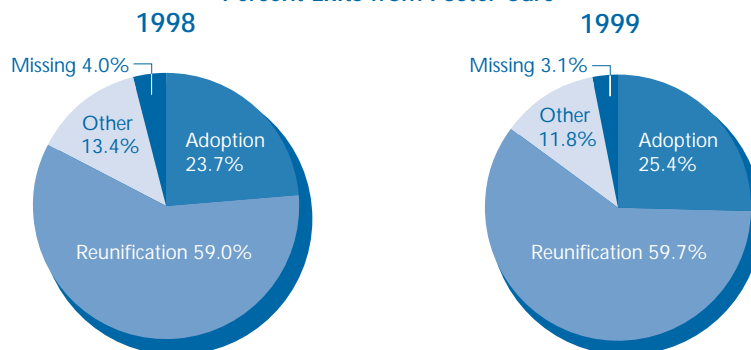


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	23.7	25.4
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	59.0	59.7
Other	13.4	11.8
Missing	4.0	3.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	20,324	17,857

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.6	0.4
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	64.9	69.5
Other	28.1	26.0
Missing	6.4	4.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,890	4,826

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47.5	47.8
Children older than 12 at entry	51.9	51.6
Missing	0.6	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,491	1,266

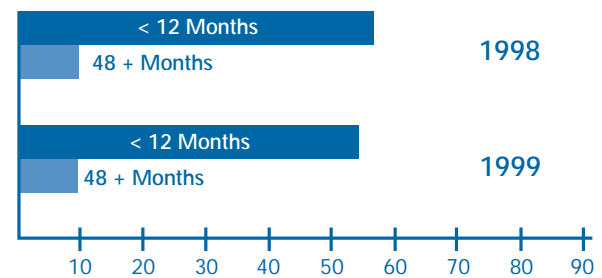
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	2.0	6.3	11.2	11.1	30.6	32.1	25.4	27.0
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	87.8	79.2	57.3	66.7	51.4	51.6	58.1	57.7
Other	10.2	8.3	28.1	20.4	14.4	13.2	12.6	11.8
Missing	—	6.3	3.4	1.9	3.6	3.1	3.9	3.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	49	48	89	54	8,388	7,058	2,767	2,272

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	12.3	12.5	20.6	25.5	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	70.5	74.4	62.7	60.4	N/A	—	—	—
Other	12.5	10.3	12.7	11.0	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	4.8	2.8	4.0	3.1	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	4,005	3,841	5,026	4,584	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

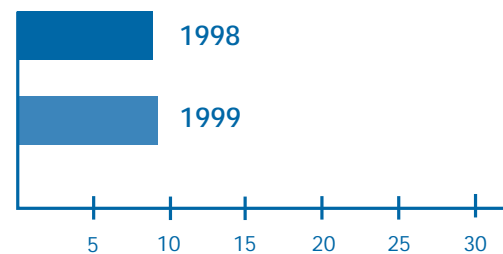
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	56.7	54.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.1	19.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	10.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.5	4.5
48 or more mos.	9.9	9.8
Missing	1.9	1.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	11,990	10,655

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	78.8	77.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.9	9.1
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.0	12.5
Missing	0.3	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	19,749	17,714

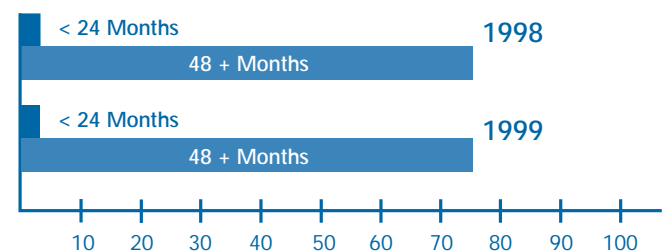
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	0.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	2.3	2.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.7	10.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	12.9	11.5
48 or more mos.	75.3	75.3
Missing	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,808	4,538

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry



6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	—	—	—	—	—

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.5	1.7
Institutions	5.5	5.6
Other settings	93.0	92.7
Missing	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13,456	11,802

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New York's SACWIS system, CONNECTIONS, is partly implemented. Child protective data and facility and resource information are operational. Currently, NCANDS data are being submitted through the SACWIS system; AFCARS data continue to be reported through the legacy systems and are unable to meet some reporting requirements. Significant efforts are being made to support the production of outcome measures until full SACWIS implementation. Data to support the reporting of the outcomes will be enhanced in future submissions.

[Comment on Child Welfare Context Data, Section D.]
Forty-four percent of children currently waiting for adoption have had parental rights terminated. A review of the mapping of the data fields is being initiated.

For Outcome Measure 3.2, the SACWIS functionality that supports this reporting is not yet operational.

For Outcome Measure 6.1, development work on the legacy system is underway to provide these data.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,919,774	1,940,947	Child maltreatment victims	37,357	36,976
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	11,314	11,339
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	1.7	Children adopted	882	949
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.6	1.7			
Black	26.6	26.4			
Hispanic	3.3	3.6			
White	66.8	66.6			
% Child population in poverty	16.9	18.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	72.8	76.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	125,862	127,522	65.6 per 1,000	65.7 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	37,357	36,976	19.5 per 1,000	19.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	23	21	1.2 per 100,000	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.1	1.7	Alaska Native/American Indian	2.3	2.4
1-5 years	35.5	32.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	1.1
6-10 years	29.8	32.4	Black	39.1	37.9
11-15 years	19.5	24.5	Hispanic	7.0	6.9
16+ years	8.1	8.5	White	56.2	57.1
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.6	1.4
Number	37,357	36,976	Total % ²	107.0	106.9
			Number	37,357	36,976

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.3
Medical neglect	2.6	2.5
Neglect	87.2	87.8
Physical abuse	3.9	3.6
Sexual abuse	4.1	3.7
Other	1.8	2.1
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	37,357	36,976

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	9,843	5,464	3,993	11,314	15,307
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	10,265	5,391	4,317	11,339	15,656

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	16.1	N/A	13.4	16.3	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	16.9	N/A	13.0	17.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.6	4.6	14.9	15.1	3.9	4.7	4.5	4.3
1-5 years	27.6	27.1	28.9	26.5	30.0	29.3	27.5	26.3
6-10 years	26.8	26.4	23.7	24.2	25.1	24.2	26.5	26.3
11-15 years	29.0	29.5	27.6	29.2	21.6	24.6	28.8	29.4
16-18 years	11.5	11.5	4.8	4.9	18.3	15.9	11.8	12.9
19+ years	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.7
Missing	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,843	10,265	5,464	5,391	3,993	4,317	11,314	11,339

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.7	1.5	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.4	1.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
Black	54.3	53.1	43.9	41.6	45.4	45.1	52.4	50.7
Hispanic	4.7	5.6	8.0	7.9	6.3	6.6	5.7	6.3
White	38.5	39.2	45.4	47.1	44.5	45.2	39.7	40.7
Unknown	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,843	10,265	5,464	5,391	3,993	4,317	11,314	11,339

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	4,298	3,603
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	2,486	1,757

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.9	2.7
1-5 years	35.2	31.1
6-10 years	33.1	33.9
11-15 years	22.5	26.3
16+ years	3.9	5.1
Unknown	0.5	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,298	3,603

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Black	53.8	53.5
Hispanic	5.4	5.9
White	38.9	38.5
Unknown	0.6	0.6
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,298	3,603

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.3	3.8
1-5 years	44.0	46.4
6-10 years	33.3	32.0
11-15 years	15.6	16.2
16+ years	2.7	1.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	882	949

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	0.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.5
Black	54.2	51.6
Hispanic	2.8	4.1
White	40.1	41.8
Unknown	0.7	1.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	882	949

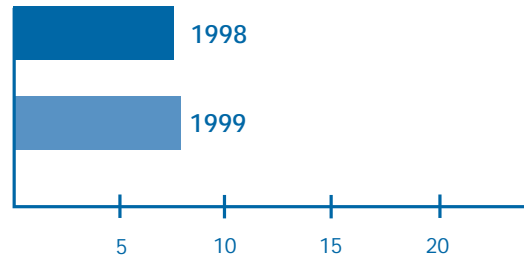
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	92.4	92.0
Children with one or more recurrences	7.6	8.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	14,261	14,159

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

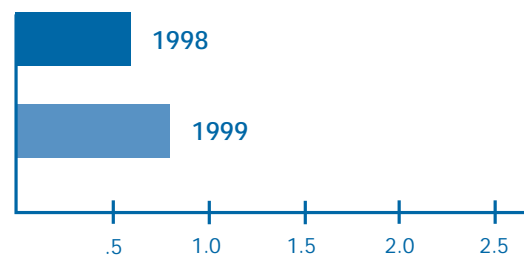


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.6	0.8
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.4	99.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	14,316	14,447

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

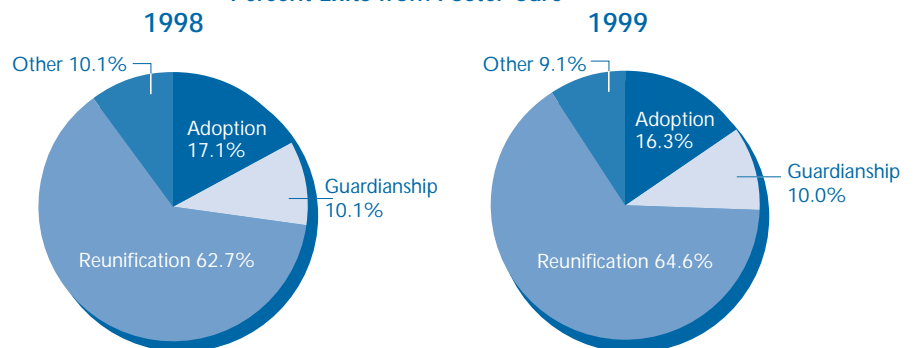


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	17.1	16.3
Guardianship	10.1	10.0
Reunification	62.7	64.6
Other	10.1	9.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,993	4,317

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	28.2	24.1
Guardianship	10.0	8.0
Reunification	47.0	53.3
Other	14.8	14.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	642	565

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.4	0.8
Guardianship	6.9	7.8
Reunification	65.8	70.6
Other	25.8	20.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	972	1,024

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.3	33.2
Children older than 12 at entry	72.7	66.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	256	244

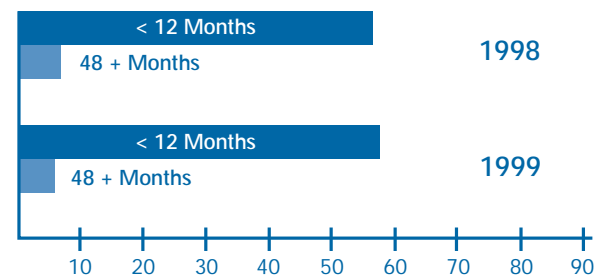
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	9.2	3.8	4.8	11.1	19.4	17.7	10.7	11.6
Guardianship	20.2	40.4	9.5	—	12.6	10.3	8.7	10.2
Reunification	67.0	53.8	66.7	88.9	57.6	62.8	71.0	71.2
Other	3.7	1.9	19.0	—	10.4	9.1	9.5	7.0
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	109	104	21	18	1,813	1,946	252	285

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	16.3	16.4	13.6	23.1	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	7.2	8.2	9.1	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	66.4	65.7	59.1	76.9	N/A	—	—	—
Other	10.1	9.8	18.2	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	1,776	1,951	22	13	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

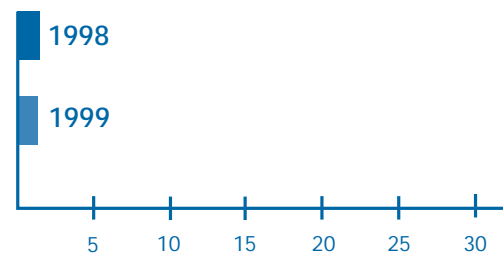
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	56.6	57.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.4	24.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.9	9.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	3.8
48 or more mos.	5.3	4.7
Missing	0.2	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,503	2,789

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	96.7	97.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.3	1.2
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.0	0.9
Missing	—	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,464	5,391

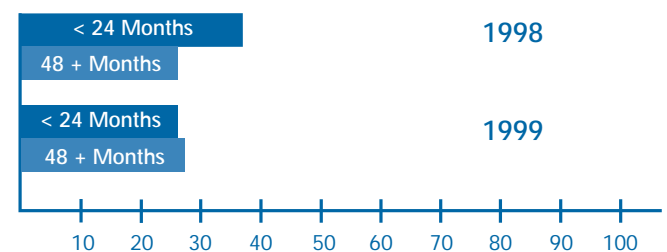
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	14.8	8.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.3	17.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.4	28.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	15.5	18.0
48 or more mos.	26.0	27.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	682	705

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

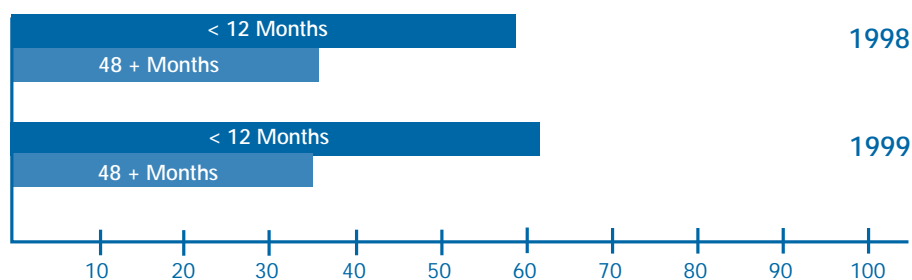


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	58.7	41.3	—	100.0	6,263
	1999	61.3	38.7	—	100.0	6,260
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	46.7	53.3	—	100.0	3,631
	1999	41.5	58.5	—	100.0	3,523
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	40.7	59.3	—	100.0	1,894
	1999	39.9	60.1	—	100.0	2,205
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	40.9	59.1	—	100.0	1,188
	1999	37.8	62.2	—	100.0	1,184
48 or more mos.	1998	35.7	64.3	—	100.0	2,306
	1999	35.0	65.0	—	100.0	2,453
Missing	1998	88.0	12.0	—	100.0	25
	1999	80.6	19.4	—	100.0	31

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	3.0	3.0
Institutions	3.3	3.7
Other settings	93.6	93.2
Missing	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,096	3,950

North Carolina

[STATE COMMENTS]

North Dakota

[CONTEXT DATA]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	162,611	160,092	Child maltreatment victims	—	1,284
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	1,170	1,143
Alaska Native/American Indian	8.3	8.5	Children adopted	113	139
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.2	1.2			
Black	0.7	0.8			
Hispanic	1.7	1.8			
White	88.1	87.7			
% Child population in poverty	20.1	19.2			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	38.0	37.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	7,098	6,926	43.7 per 1,000	43.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	—	1,284	— per 1,000	8.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	—	— per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	6.9	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	26.2
1-5 years	—	26.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2
6-10 years	—	33.6	Black	—	3.5
11-15 years	—	28.0	Hispanic	—	3.3
16+ years	—	5.3	White	—	68.8
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	0.8
Total %	—	100.0	Unknown	—	0.5
Number	—	1,284	Total % ²	—	103.3
			Number	—	1,284

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	48.3
Medical neglect	—	4.3
Neglect	—	64.0
Physical abuse	—	12.5
Sexual abuse	—	7.2
Other	—	136.3
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	—	272.6
Number	—	1,284

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	785	1,056	671	1,170	1,841
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,006	965	828	1,143	1,971
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	12.8	N/A	7.0	10.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	11.1	N/A	8.0	10.8	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.2	5.9	12.1	13.5	3.4	2.5	8.5	8.9
1-5 years	21.3	13.4	11.9	16.4	18.3	16.1	15.2	16.3
6-10 years	22.5	20.6	14.4	15.3	17.9	15.6	18.2	19.2
11-15 years	33.1	33.5	37.7	35.1	25.0	26.7	33.4	32.6
16-18 years	17.5	25.8	23.8	19.7	34.9	38.2	23.9	22.2
19+ years	0.3	0.8	—	—	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.6
Missing	0.1	—	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	785	1,006	1,056	965	671	828	1,170	1,143

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	36.8	34.2	26.0	27.5	27.8	30.6	32.3	31.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7
Black	1.9	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.6	2.4	2.5
Hispanic	1.8	3.1	5.2	5.0	4.3	5.3	3.4	3.1
White	59.3	59.6	65.5	63.6	65.1	61.8	61.6	61.4
Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	0.1	0.1
Not applicable	—	1.0	—	0.6	—	0.5	—	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	782	1,006	1,048	965	670	828	1,160	1,143

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	370	387
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	323	332

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	23.5	22.2
1-5 years	33.0	29.7
6-10 years	26.5	26.4
11-15 years	15.7	19.6
16+ years	0.8	1.0
Unknown	0.5	1.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	370	387

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	29.2	25.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	2.1
Black	4.9	4.7
Hispanic	3.0	3.4
White	61.1	63.6
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	1.4	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	370	387

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	45.1	48.2
1-5 years	36.3	31.7
6-10 years	8.8	14.4
11-15 years	7.1	4.3
16+ years	0.9	1.4
Unknown	1.8	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	113	139

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	4.4	14.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	4.4	5.0
Hispanic	3.5	7.2
White	87.6	73.4
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	113	139

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

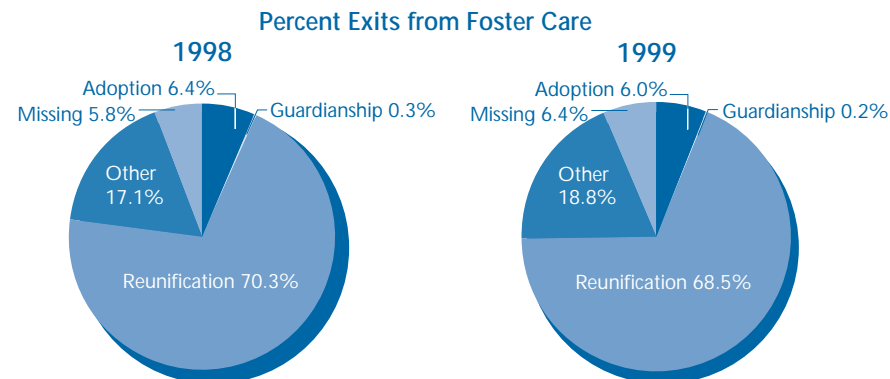
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	6.4	6.0
Guardianship	0.3	0.2
Reunification	70.3	68.5
Other	17.1	18.8
Missing	5.8	6.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	671	828



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	89.7	90.9
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	6.9	—
Other	3.4	4.5
Missing	—	4.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	29	44

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.4
Guardianship	0.3	0.4
Reunification	64.4	65.9
Other	26.5	25.2
Missing	8.8	8.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	351	449

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	100.0	100.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	37	42

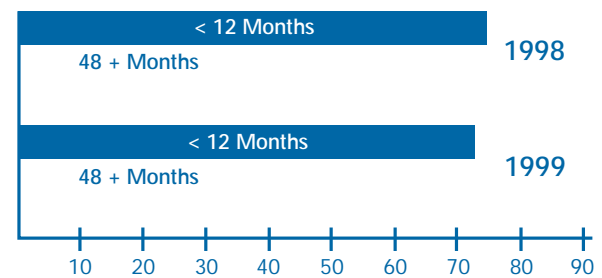
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	1.6	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	6.8
Guardianship	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	75.3	64.0	100.0	100.0	86.7	76.9	86.2	75.0
Other	17.7	25.3	—	—	6.7	15.4	13.8	15.9
Missing	4.8	5.5	—	—	6.7	7.7	—	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	186	253	3	2	15	13	29	44

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.2	6.6	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.2	0.4	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	66.5	69.5	100.0	—	N/A	100.0	—	—
Other	17.4	16.2	—	—	N/A	—	100.0	—
Missing	6.7	7.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
Number	436	512	1	—	N/A	4	1	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

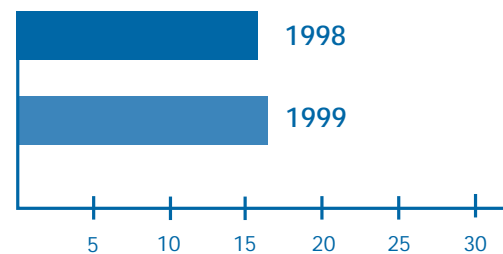
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	74.8	72.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.3	21.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	2.1
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	0.6	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	472	567

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	65.1	70.7
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.8	16.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.1	9.1
Missing	12.0	3.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,056	965

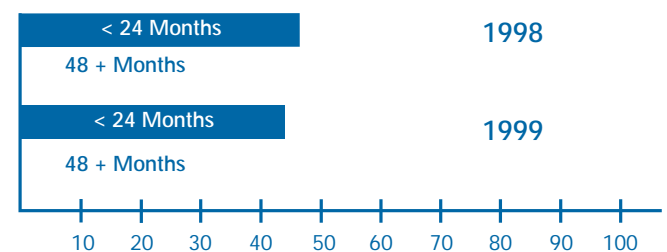
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	18.6	22.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.9	22.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	46.5	14.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	7.0	42.0
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	43	50

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

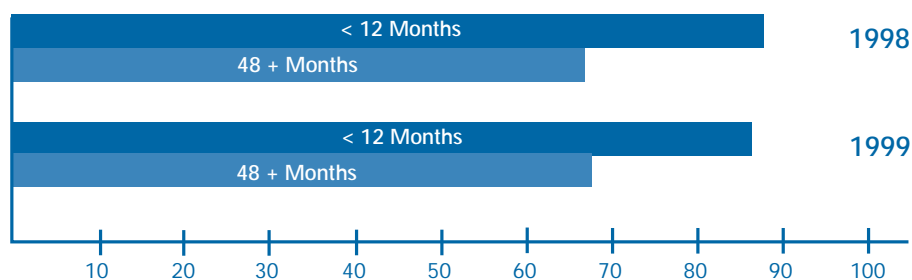


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	87.2	8.2	4.6	100.0	1,157
	1999	86.0	10.9	3.0	100.0	1,152
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	75.1	22.7	2.3	100.0	309
	1999	68.8	30.3	0.9	100.0	426
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	67.4	30.8	1.8	100.0	227
	1999	65.9	33.3	0.7	100.0	138
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	69.8	27.1	3.1	100.0	129
	1999	61.3	36.0	2.7	100.0	150
48 or more mos.	1998	66.7	—	33.3	100.0	12
	1999	67.3	30.7	2.0	100.0	101
Missing	1998	85.7	—	14.3	100.0	7
	1999	50.0	—	50.0	100.0	4

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.1	1.4
Institutions	4.9	4.7
Other settings	94.0	93.6
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	452	487

North Dakota

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	2,844,005	2,844,071	Child maltreatment victims	58,070	53,311
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	20,078
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	1,015	1,868
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.3	1.4			
Black	14.5	14.5			
Hispanic	2.3	2.4			
White	81.7	81.6			
% Child population in poverty	16.1	17.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	84.6	89.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	135,628	129,306	47.7 per 1,000	45.5 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	58,070	53,311	20.4 per 1,000	18.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	54	54	1.9 per 100,000	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.6	7.6	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.3
1-5 years	30.5	29.3	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
6-10 years	29.9	29.9	Black	30.3	30.7
11-15 years	23.0	23.6	Hispanic	1.5	1.2
16+ years	6.0	6.3	White	58.9	61.1
Unknown	3.1	3.3	Other	3.6	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	5.3	7.0
Number	58,070	53,311	Total % ²	100.0	101.4
			Number	58,070	53,311

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	3.1	4.2
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	55.2	53.4
Physical abuse	27.4	28.0
Sexual abuse	14.1	14.2
Other	—	—
Unknown	0.2	0.2
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	58,070	53,311

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	16,951	15,946	12,819	20,078	32,897
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.6	N/A	4.8	13.4	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	5.3	—	12.7	—	5.7	—	5.5
1-5 years	—	24.0	—	24.8	—	25.5	—	24.8
6-10 years	—	23.0	—	21.5	—	20.2	—	23.5
11-15 years	—	29.0	—	28.6	—	25.3	—	28.6
16-18 years	—	17.2	—	12.0	—	21.7	—	15.9
19+ years	—	0.7	—	0.0	—	1.1	—	0.9
Missing	—	0.9	—	0.3	—	0.5	—	0.9
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	16,951	—	15,946	—	12,819	—	20,078

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Hispanic	—	0.7	—	0.8	—	1.2	—	0.5
White	—	0.3	—	0.5	—	0.2	—	0.5
Unknown	—	99.0	—	98.6	—	98.6	—	98.9
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	16,951	—	15,946	—	12,819	—	20,078

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	3,476
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	590

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	3.1
1-5 years	—	27.7
6-10 years	—	30.4
11-15 years	—	30.5
16+ years	—	6.9
Unknown	—	1.5
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,476

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	0.2
Hispanic	—	0.4
White	—	0.3
Unknown	—	99.1
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,476

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	7.4
1-5 years	53.7	48.6
6-10 years	29.6	28.7
11-15 years	13.1	13.1
16+ years	1.7	2.2
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,015	1,868

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1
Black	41.6	50.9
Hispanic	2.0	0.4
White	50.7	46.6
Unknown	5.6	1.9
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,015	1,868

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

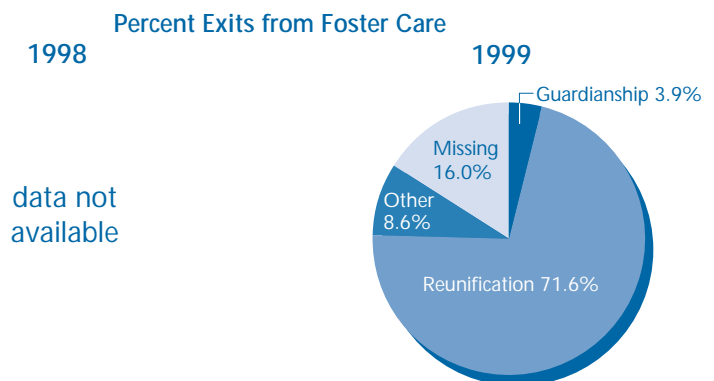
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	3.9
Reunification	—	71.6
Other	—	8.6
Missing	—	16.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	12,819



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	2.8
Reunification	—	72.6
Other	—	15.7
Missing	—	8.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,391

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	3.1
Reunification	—	50.8
Other	—	18.1
Missing	—	28.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	4,548

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	24.2
Children older than 12 at entry	—	75.6
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	952

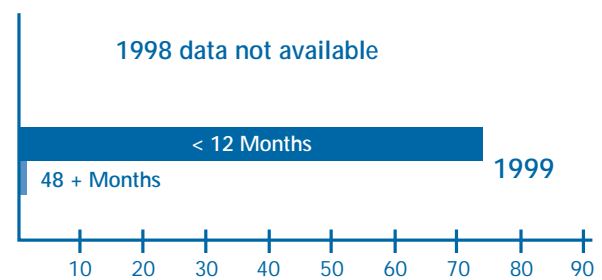
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.5
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68.8
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.2
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.4
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100.0
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	4.3	—	3.9	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	78.3	—	71.6	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	4.3	—	8.6	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	13.0	—	16.0	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	23	—	12,642	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

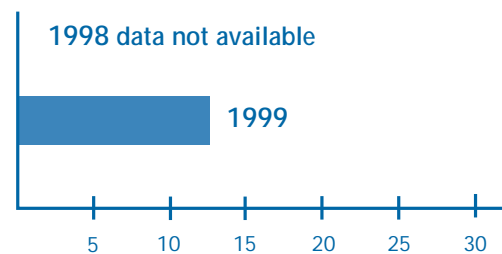
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	74.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	0.9
48 or more mos.	—	1.2
Missing	—	0.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	9,172

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	68.7
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	12.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	11.4
Missing	—	7.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	15,946

Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

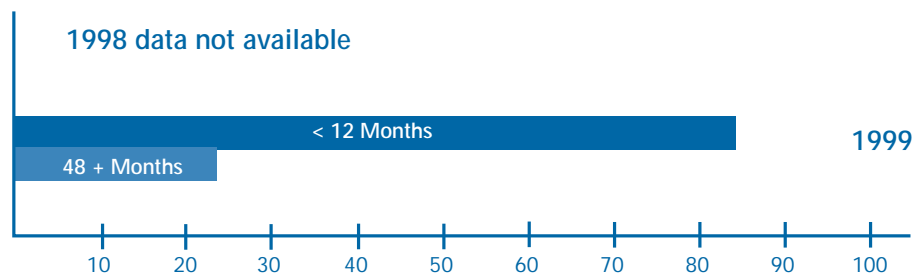
5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	84.0	12.2	3.7	100.0	18,460
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	62.1	37.4	0.6	100.0	6,503
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	47.3	52.2	0.5	100.0	2,883
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	32.2	67.2	0.5	100.0	1,523
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	23.7	75.4	1.0	100.0	3,367
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	79.5	0.6	19.9	100.0	161

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	1.1
Institutions	—	3.5
Other settings	—	95.4
Missing	—	0.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	10,527

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Ohio's data for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1999 was not AFCARS compliant with the Federal Guidelines as outlined by the ACF. In March of 1999, Ohio, in partnership with the 88 county Public Children Services Agencies, committed to achieving full AFCARS compliance. This initiative enabled modification to Ohio's Family and Children Services Information System (FACSIS) and statewide staff training to begin collecting compliant data on all Ohio children in Foster Care and Legalized Adoptions beginning in FFY 2000.

During FFY 1999, Ohio's AFCARS programming did not extract and report the date of discharge for children who exited foster care due to an adoption finalization. The systematic exclusion of this group of children impacted the data for Outcome Measures 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.5; and did not allow Measure 5.1 to be populated. Ohio has initiated AFCARS program logic modifications.

Prior to October 1, 1999, Ohio's Race and Ethnicity reporting were combined and tracked by a combined singular race/ethnicity distribution for each child. Therefore, for FFY 1999, Ohio's reported data for Outcome Measure 3.5 do not accurately reflect the racial/ethnic distribution for children exiting foster care. After October 1, 1999 Ohio's data system separated the tracking of a child's Race and Ethnicity. Ohio's data system now tracks multiple race values for each child and separate ethnicity, regardless of Race.

Using FACSIS data, Ohio's statistical percentages for Outcome Measures 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.5; and 5.1 have been calculated for the purpose of comparative analysis. To receive a printed copy of Ohio's data outcome findings for Measures 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.5; and 5.1, contact the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office for Children and Families, SACWIS Project at (614) 466-7233.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	879,367	882,062	Child maltreatment victims	16,584	16,210
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	7,233	8,173
Alaska Native/American Indian	10.1	9.7	Children adopted	505	822
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.4	1.5			
Black	9.6	9.5			
Hispanic	6.0	6.2			
White	72.9	73.1			
% Child population in poverty	19.8	16.7			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	61.5	61.7			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	60,340	60,955	68.6 per 1,000	69.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	16,584	16,210	18.9 per 1,000	18.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	45	47	5.1 per 100,000	5.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	8.9	9.3	Alaska Native/American Indian	13.6	14.4
1-5 years	31.3	31.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.5
6-10 years	30.2	30.5	Black	14.3	13.5
11-15 years	23.0	23.0	Hispanic	4.7	5.2
16+ years	4.9	4.4	White	68.7	69.1
Unknown	1.8	1.4	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	3.1	2.6
Number	16,584	16,210	Total % ²	104.7	105.2
			Number	16,584	16,210

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	10.9	11.4
Medical neglect	3.3	3.1
Neglect	93.7	98.0
Physical abuse	24.9	24.9
Sexual abuse	8.5	8.0
Other	10.6	13.2
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	151.9	158.6
Number	16,584	16,210

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	6,214	6,346	5,337	7,233	12,560
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	6,432	6,484	4,746	8,173	12,916
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	13.2	N/A	4.2	12.9	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	14.5	N/A	6.4	11.6	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.0	4.4	11.3	11.1	5.9	5.3	4.6	4.4
1-5 years	27.0	27.7	27.7	27.1	27.6	28.7	26.9	26.7
6-10 years	26.7	27.4	23.2	21.1	23.7	23.7	26.2	25.0
11-15 years	27.5	27.0	25.2	25.2	23.1	21.1	26.0	27.0
16-18 years	14.5	13.3	12.6	15.4	18.9	20.9	16.3	16.5
19+ years	0.2	0.1	0.0	—	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3
Missing	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,214	6,432	6,346	6,484	5,337	4,746	7,233	8,173

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	14.5	14.7	15.3	14.3	14.2	14.0	15.4	14.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	25.7	24.8	20.0	19.5	20.6	20.7	24.5	23.0
Hispanic	4.5	4.6	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.4	4.8
White	55.0	55.3	58.4	58.7	58.9	58.6	55.1	56.1
Unknown	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.5
Not applicable	—	0.1	—	1.0	—	0.3	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,214	6,432	6,346	6,484	5,337	4,746	7,233	8,173

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,422	1,832
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	11	25

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.1	2.6
1-5 years	32.9	29.9
6-10 years	36.1	33.1
11-15 years	24.8	30.2
16+ years	2.8	3.8
Unknown	0.3	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,422	1,832

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	13.6	13.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.3
Black	35.0	31.1
Hispanic	4.5	5.0
White	46.5	49.3
Unknown	0.4	0.3
Not applicable	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,422	1,832

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.0	2.1
1-5 years	45.1	39.2
6-10 years	34.1	37.1
11-15 years	16.4	19.1
16+ years	2.4	2.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	505	822

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	11.7	9.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
Black	24.4	22.6
Hispanic	3.2	4.1
White	56.2	56.6
Unknown	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	3.6	6.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	505	822

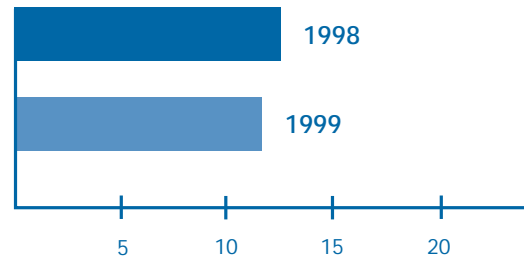
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	87.3	88.2
Children with one or more recurrences	12.7	11.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,667	7,108

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

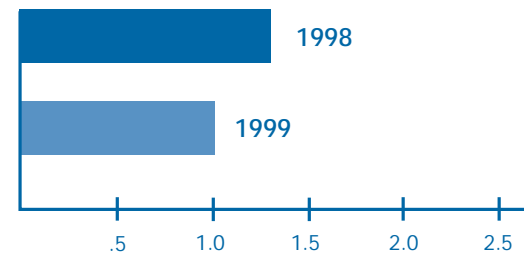


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.3	1.0
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.7	99.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	11,483	11,868

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

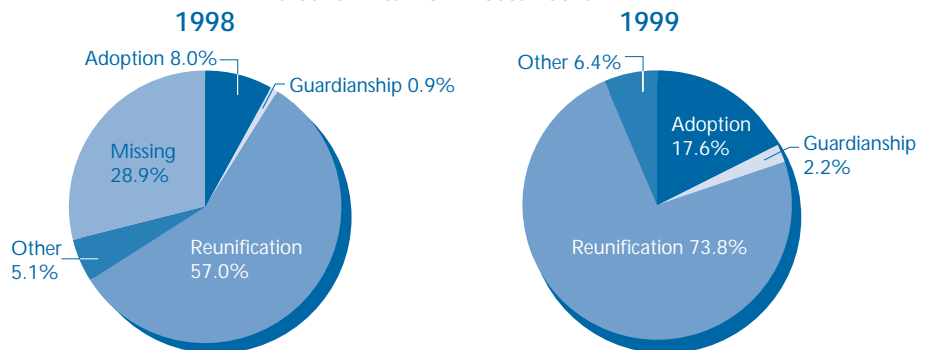


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	8.0	17.6
Guardianship	0.9	2.2
Reunification	57.0	73.8
Other	5.1	6.4
Missing	28.9	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,337	4,746

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	20.4	39.6
Guardianship	0.7	2.2
Reunification	35.5	45.7
Other	9.2	12.6
Missing	34.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	991	692

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.7	1.0
Guardianship	0.5	0.4
Reunification	46.5	83.4
Other	11.1	15.1
Missing	41.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,599	1,448

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.5	36.4
Children older than 12 at entry	68.5	63.6
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	92	88

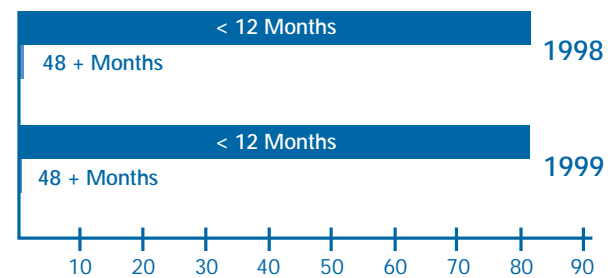
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	7.0	15.0	9.1	—	8.5	17.7	7.1	17.8
Guardianship	0.9	2.7	—	—	0.3	0.6	—	3.1
Reunification	60.1	75.3	63.6	100.0	56.3	74.9	63.6	73.0
Other	6.5	6.9	—	—	4.6	6.7	3.7	6.2
Missing	25.6	—	27.3	—	30.4	—	25.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	759	665	11	14	1,097	981	294	259

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	8.3	18.2	—	9.4	N/A	33.3	—	—
Guardianship	1.2	2.6	2.9	3.1	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	56.0	73.0	40.0	81.3	N/A	60.0	—	—
Other	5.2	6.2	2.9	6.3	N/A	6.7	—	—
Missing	29.3	—	54.3	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	—	—
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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

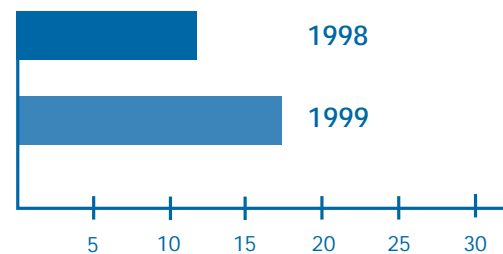
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	81.6	81.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.5	12.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.7
Missing	0.8	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,042	3,504

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	82.1	74.8
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.9	17.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	4.4	5.2
Missing	1.7	2.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,346	6,484

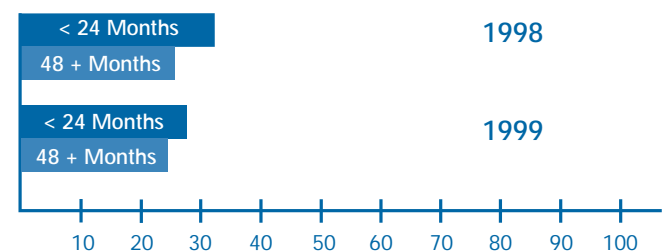
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	10.5	7.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.7	19.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	20.3	26.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.3	21.5
48 or more mos.	25.7	24.5
Missing	0.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	428	833

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

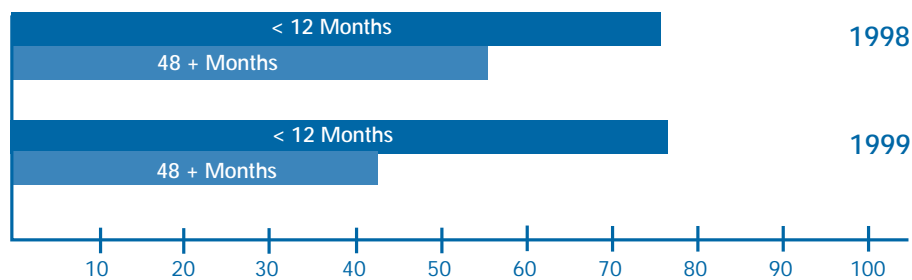


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	75.3	24.7	—	100.0	7,192
	1999	76.5	23.5	—	100.0	7,269
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	47.8	52.2	—	100.0	2,282
	1999	42.0	58.0	—	100.0	2,231
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	40.6	59.4	—	100.0	1,211
	1999	32.8	67.2	—	100.0	1,296
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	44.9	55.1	—	100.0	709
	1999	33.5	66.5	—	100.0	805
48 or more mos.	1998	55.2	44.8	—	100.0	1,124
	1999	42.6	57.4	—	100.0	1,259
Missing	1998	97.6	2.4	—	100.0	42
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	56

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	18.0	13.4
Institutions	1.3	1.5
Other settings	80.7	85.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,225	4,081

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With regard to outcome measure 2.1 (maltreatment in foster care), the Oklahoma NCANDS submission includes maltreatment in foster care, but excludes maltreatment in institutions. Our records indicate that there were 39 instances of maltreatment in Oklahoma institutions from January 1 through September 30, 1998. [We requested that these be included in the calculation of outcome measure 2.1.] Oklahoma plans to include maltreatment in institutions beginning with the CY 2000 NCANDS submission in June 2001.

With regard to Child Welfare Context Data, Section B, Oklahoma's definition of neglect includes children dying in a house fire, improperly supervised children who die by drowning, etc. Oklahoma also investigates child deaths due to maltreatment even when there are no surviving siblings. These factors may account for the high rate of child fatalities due to maltreatment in Oklahoma.

With regard to Child Welfare Context Data, Section C, the Oklahoma AFCARS extraction process was based on placement entry dates, rather than removal transaction dates, and failed to include all discharges. This resulted in

under-reporting of both removals and discharges. Oklahoma will follow the instructions for extracting cases based on removal and discharge transactions dates provided in ACYF-PI-CB-95-09 with the submission period beginning April 1, 2001.

The TPR data in Child Welfare Context Data, Section D, includes only children with a case plan goal of adoption for whom the parental rights of both parents were terminated in 1999.

For Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 4.2, Oklahoma over-reported discharges for 1998 and under-reported discharges for 1999 resulting in an inaccurate rate of foster care re-entries (within a 12-month period of a prior episode) for 1999. This will be corrected for the submission period beginning April 1, 2001.

With regard to Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 7.1, Oklahoma includes brief stays in shelters in the "Group Homes" category of placement settings. This may account for the higher percentages Oklahoma has in group-home care as compared to other states.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	825,170	827,501	Child maltreatment victims	10,147	11,241
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	7,266	7,371
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.4	1.4	Children adopted	665	765
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.7	3.9			
Black	2.0	2.0			
Hispanic	9.7	10.3			
White	83.1	82.4			
% Child population in poverty	18.6	17.0			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	69.1	66.2			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,680	24,627	33.5 per 1,000	29.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	10,147	11,241	12.3 per 1,000	13.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	18	2.1 per 100,000	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	12.3	12.5	Alaska Native/American Indian	2.2	2.3
1-5 years	35.2	35.1	Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.2
6-10 years	31.0	29.9	Black	5.1	4.9
11-15 years	18.5	19.3	Hispanic	8.1	8.9
16+ years	3.0	3.2	White	55.9	56.5
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	27.7	35.2
Number	10,147	11,241	Total % ²	100.0	108.9
			Number	10,147	11,241

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	7.5	6.7
Medical neglect	4.2	4.3
Neglect	22.4	21.1
Physical abuse	14.2	13.2
Sexual abuse	14.1	11.8
Other	62.5	68.7
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	125.0	125.7
Number	10,147	11,241

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	6,566	5,212	4,512	7,266	11,778
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	6,957	5,253	4,839	7,371	12,210

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	14.3	N/A	6.3	14.9	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	16.5	N/A	7.0	16.4	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.5	4.8	12.8	13.6	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.3
1-5 years	31.3	29.4	29.5	29.2	31.9	30.4	29.8	28.7
6-10 years	30.6	28.8	23.7	24.3	26.2	25.0	28.7	28.5
11-15 years	25.8	27.1	26.9	25.6	25.6	25.0	27.4	27.5
16-18 years	7.7	9.8	7.1	7.2	11.3	14.3	9.1	9.6
19+ years	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4
Missing	—	—	—	0.0	—	0.0	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,566	6,957	5,212	5,253	4,512	4,839	7,266	7,371

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	4.1	4.3	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	4.3	4.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8
Black	11.8	11.1	7.0	6.5	7.4	6.7	11.1	10.7
Hispanic	5.5	5.9	7.3	6.6	7.1	6.8	5.7	5.8
White	65.0	63.9	59.9	57.7	62.1	61.7	63.2	60.9
Unknown	12.8	14.1	21.4	24.9	19.4	20.4	14.9	17.7
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,566	6,957	5,212	5,253	4,512	4,839	7,266	7,371

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,202	1,867
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	16	65

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.5	4.8
1-5 years	42.6	43.2
6-10 years	38.9	38.2
11-15 years	14.1	13.2
16+ years	0.9	0.6
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,202	1,867

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	3.5	3.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
Black	10.1	12.3
Hispanic	7.1	6.4
White	68.3	60.1
Unknown	10.6	17.7
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,202	1,867

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.3	0.3
1-5 years	53.4	47.1
6-10 years	34.1	39.9
11-15 years	11.4	11.4
16+ years	0.8	1.4
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	665	765

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.1	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	—
Black	10.8	—
Hispanic	10.1	12.0
White	74.3	—
Unknown	1.2	88.0
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	665	765

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

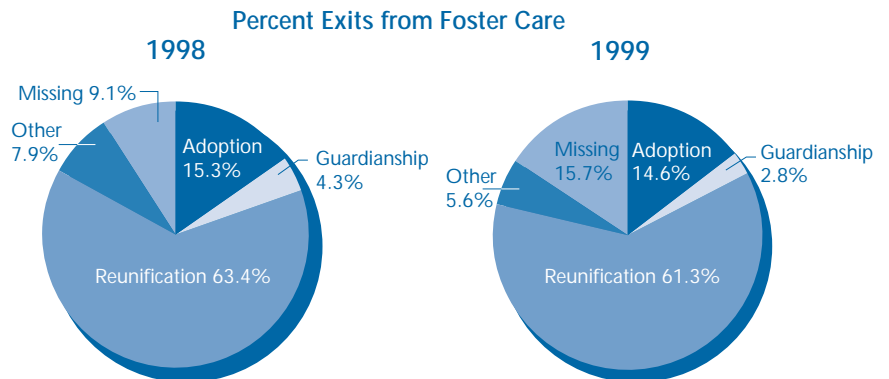
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	15.3	14.6
Guardianship	4.3	2.8
Reunification	63.4	61.3
Other	7.9	5.6
Missing	9.1	15.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,512	4,839



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	19.9	18.7
Guardianship	4.2	1.6
Reunification	45.3	41.6
Other	14.5	9.6
Missing	16.1	28.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,369	1,715

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	0.4
Guardianship	1.9	1.5
Reunification	55.4	50.1
Other	26.7	17.5
Missing	15.8	30.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	994	1,208

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.9	28.0
Children older than 12 at entry	72.1	72.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	86	82

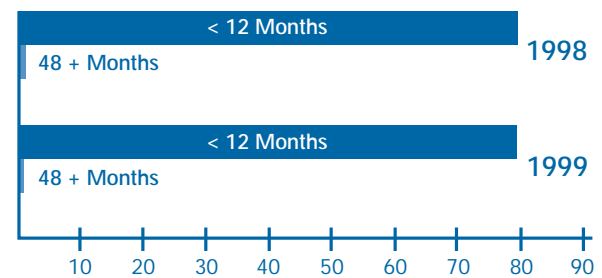
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	9.2	12.1	9.7	12.5	25.9	26.2	11.5	13.1
Guardianship	5.9	0.6	—	—	4.5	3.4	3.1	0.9
Reunification	61.4	67.1	61.3	60.0	46.7	45.4	70.2	70.2
Other	6.5	6.4	22.6	7.5	11.1	8.6	7.8	2.4
Missing	17.0	13.9	6.5	20.0	11.7	16.4	7.5	13.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	153	173	31	40	332	324	322	329

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	17.0	15.9	8.6	7.9	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	4.1	3.0	5.3	3.3	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	61.4	57.2	74.1	75.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	8.6	6.6	4.2	2.3	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	9.0	17.4	7.8	11.4	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	2,800	2,985	874	988	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

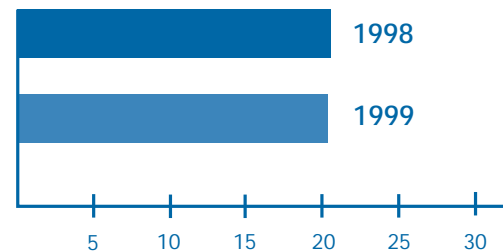
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	79.7	79.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.4	14.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.3	1.0
Missing	0.8	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,860	2,966

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	68.2	68.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.5	20.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.2	11.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,212	5,253

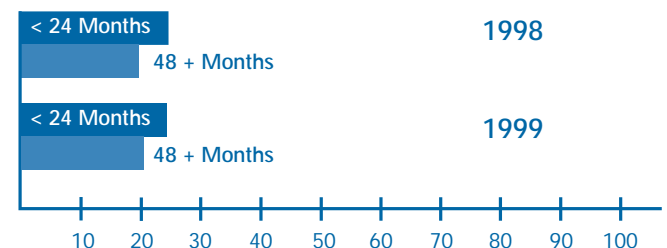
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	3.9	3.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.8	21.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	26.9	32.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	28.8	23.2
48 or more mos.	19.7	20.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	692	706

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

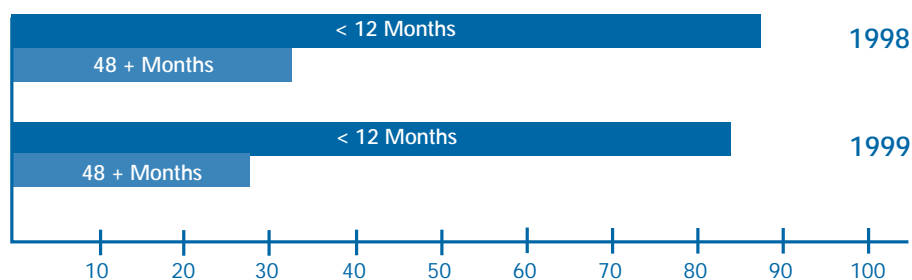


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	87.0	13.0	—	100.0	5,865
	1999	83.6	16.4	—	100.0	5,931
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	63.3	36.7	—	100.0	2,468
	1999	64.2	35.8	—	100.0	2,327
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	51.2	48.8	—	100.0	1,257
	1999	49.7	50.3	—	100.0	1,590
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	37.4	62.6	—	100.0	892
	1999	40.3	59.7	—	100.0	819
48 or more mos.	1998	32.9	67.1	—	100.0	1,238
	1999	27.4	72.6	—	100.0	1,484
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	58
	1999	96.6	3.4	—	100.0	59

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.2	1.2
Institutions	5.1	5.3
Other settings	93.6	92.8
Missing	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,849	3,717

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With respect to Child Welfare Context Data, Section B, Oregon is among those States that have adopted a broad definition for child abuse and neglect. The intent of this broad definition is to identify, and thus eliminate, both direct and indirect threats to the safety and well-being of all children. This policy of having a broad definition contributes to Oregon's comparatively high "Child Fatalities" rate.

Oregon's fatality data include all child abuse and neglect fatalities regardless of whether or not the child was known to the child protection system. Only 5 of the 17 fatalities reported in the 1998 NCANDS data subcategories were

known to the child protective services system. Oregon's fatality data include neglect-related deaths such as those caused by motor vehicle and boating accidents, in which the driver was under the influence of intoxicants or the children were not using safety devices; children were left unsupervised; parents failed to obtain medical care; children were allowed access to firearms; and the lack of functional smoke detectors in the home.

This broad definition also contributes to the large number of children reported in "Other" under the Child Welfare Context Data, Section B, on "Maltreatment Type." For Oregon, "Other" includes a "Threat of Harm" category.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	2,859,828	2,852,520	Child maltreatment victims	5,392	5,076
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	23,070	22,690
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	Children adopted	1,516	1,454
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.0	2.1			
Black	12.1	12.2			
Hispanic	4.1	4.3			
White	81.6	81.3			
% Child population in poverty	17.9	12.8			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	84.8	90.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	22,589	22,437	7.9 per 1,000	7.9 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	5,392	5,076	1.9 per 1,000	1.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	52	50	1.8 per 100,000	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.1	0.6	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	22.5	21.0	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	30.5	28.3	Black	—	—
11-15 years	32.1	32.5	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	11.8	17.6	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	—
Number	5,392	5,076	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.9	2.0
Medical neglect	2.8	2.4
Neglect	3.8	3.8
Physical abuse	41.1	62.1
Sexual abuse	46.4	80.4
Other	5.8	1.8
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	101.8	152.5
Number	5,392	5,076

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	20,983	13,019	10,933	23,070	34,002
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	21,809	13,299	12,419	22,690	35,108

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	23.6	N/A	10.4	19.6	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.5	N/A	10.3	19.2	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.5	3.4	11.4	10.7	3.4	3.1	4.0	3.9
1-5 years	22.8	21.1	18.8	18.8	20.0	18.9	21.3	20.5
6-10 years	25.0	23.9	16.2	16.8	17.6	16.7	23.3	23.4
11-15 years	30.0	30.7	34.4	34.6	27.3	26.9	30.3	31.3
16-18 years	17.5	19.5	19.1	18.9	29.2	31.6	19.5	19.3
19+ years	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.1	2.5	2.6	1.4	1.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	20,983	21,809	13,019	13,299	10,933	12,419	23,070	22,690

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5
Black	54.5	52.4	41.4	40.9	43.8	42.6	52.2	51.0
Hispanic	9.7	10.7	11.0	11.1	9.6	10.5	10.5	11.0
White	34.8	36.0	46.3	46.9	45.5	45.6	36.2	37.1
Unknown	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	20,983	21,809	13,019	13,299	10,933	12,419	23,070	22,690

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	4,768	4,891
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	739	846

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.6	2.1
1-5 years	35.9	32.1
6-10 years	37.2	37.5
11-15 years	20.7	24.1
16+ years	3.3	3.6
Unknown	0.4	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,768	4,891

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4
Black	58.2	54.3
Hispanic	11.1	12.4
White	29.7	32.4
Unknown	0.5	0.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,768	4,891

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.8	1.0
1-5 years	44.2	43.6
6-10 years	38.9	38.2
11-15 years	14.2	14.9
16+ years	2.0	2.3
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,516	1,454

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1
Black	62.2	57.4
Hispanic	4.6	4.7
White	30.3	36.5
Unknown	2.7	1.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,516	1,454

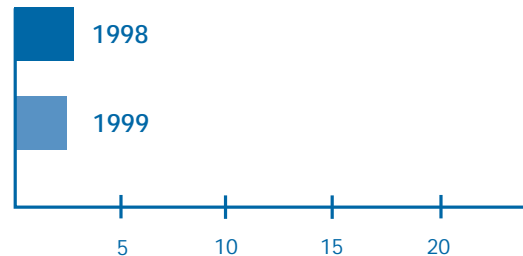
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	97.2	97.5
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	2.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,755	2,522

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

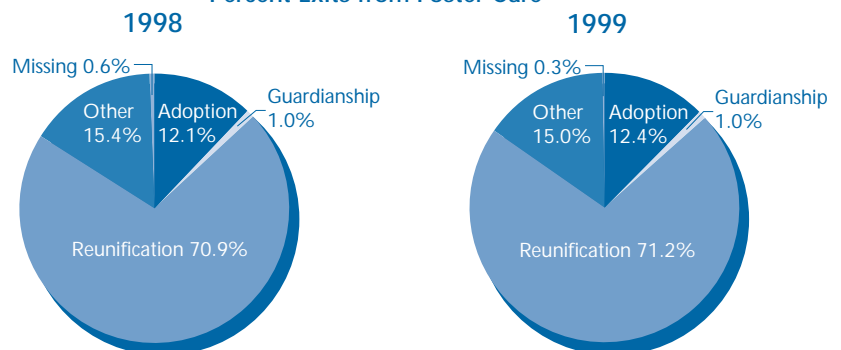
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	12.1	12.4
Guardianship	1.0	1.0
Reunification	70.9	71.2
Other	15.4	15.0
Missing	0.6	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	10,933	12,419

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	14.9	16.7
Guardianship	1.3	1.3
Reunification	64.8	60.3
Other	18.9	21.6
Missing	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,035	2,526

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	0.2
Guardianship	1.1	1.0
Reunification	75.9	77.0
Other	21.8	21.3
Missing	1.0	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,688	5,761

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.8	30.6
Children older than 12 at entry	66.1	68.9
Missing	0.2	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	634	702

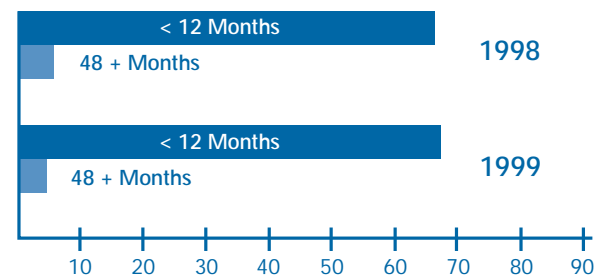
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	9.1	—	7.8	3.3	16.0	16.4	12.4	10.0
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2
Reunification	81.8	87.5	62.7	71.7	63.8	64.2	64.3	68.9
Other	9.1	12.5	27.5	25.0	18.3	17.9	21.1	19.5
Missing	—	—	2.0	—	1.0	0.4	1.1	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	11	16	51	92	4,793	5,296	1,050	1,302

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	8.4	9.5	5.3	13.3	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	1.0	0.9	1.8	2.2	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	79.2	78.2	82.5	77.8	N/A	—	—	—
Other	11.3	11.2	10.5	6.7	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	0.2	0.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	4,971	5,668	57	45	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

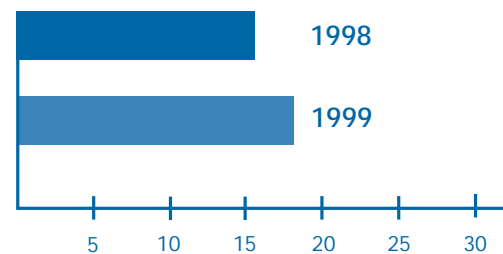
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	66.3	67.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.5	19.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.0	5.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	2.5
48 or more mos.	6.0	4.7
Missing	0.4	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,754	8,844

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	77.7	74.6
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.5	18.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.4	7.2
Missing	1.4	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13,019	13,299

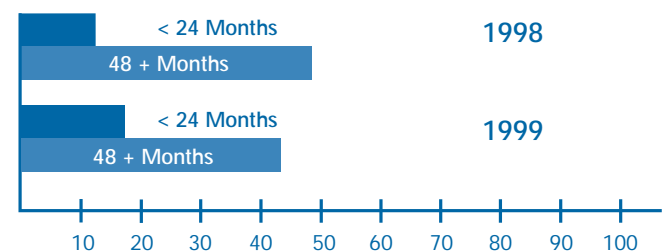
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	10.3	15.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	18.4	21.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	21.1	18.1
48 or more mos.	48.3	43.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,324	1,543

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

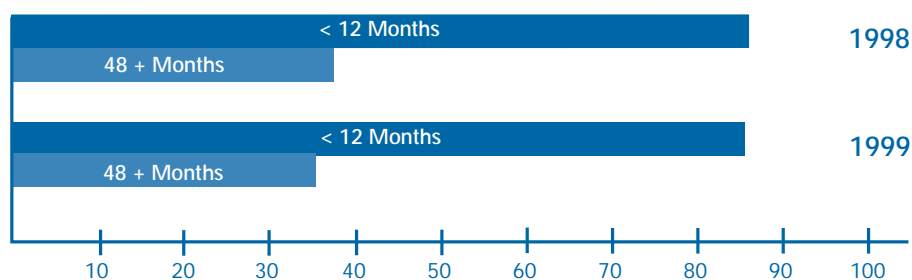


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	85.6	13.5	0.9	100.0	14,556
	1999	85.1	14.9	0.0	100.0	15,210
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	66.1	33.7	0.2	100.0	5,725
	1999	65.3	34.7	—	100.0	6,593
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	55.2	44.8	—	100.0	3,646
	1999	55.4	44.6	—	100.0	3,695
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	48.8	51.2	—	100.0	2,655
	1999	48.8	51.2	—	100.0	2,466
48 or more mos.	1998	37.5	62.4	0.0	100.0	7,342
	1999	35.2	64.7	0.0	100.0	7,050
Missing	1998	89.7	5.1	5.1	100.0	78
	1999	96.8	3.2	—	100.0	94

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	4.4	4.3
Institutions	9.5	8.5
Other settings	86.1	87.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,856	6,987

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With regard to Section B, data on the race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims are not available because Pennsylvania's State Child Protective Services Law prohibits the collection of this information.

Data required to calculate the incidence of child maltreatment in foster care (outcome measure 2.1) were not available for 1998 (or 1999). Pennsylvania will be able to provide the data needed to calculate this measure in the next NCANDS report.

The data in Section C indicate that there were 1,061 fewer children in care on October 1, 1998 (21,809) than on September 30, 1998 (23,070). We believe this difference is due to several factors:

- the way that the federal data files are constructed;
- the way that Pennsylvania applies the extraction rule; and
- the fact that AFCARS data element 21 (Date of Latest Removal From Home) can change from episode to episode. For example: a child removed from home on August 10, 1998 and discharged from placement Dec.

10, 1998 would be counted as in placement on 9/30/98. If the same child was again removed from home on Jan 10, 1999 and discharged March 10, 1999, he would NOT be counted on 10/1 even though he was in care at that time.

The data in Section E, which were taken from the Adoption Database, indicate that 1,451 children were adopted in FY 1999, but outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1, which were taken from the AFCARS Foster Care Database, show that 1,543 of the exits from foster care in FY 1999 were reported as discharges to adoption. The difference is caused by the difference between the date the child was discharged from foster care to an adoptive placement and the date the final adoption decree is received by the county. Sometimes counties do not receive official notice of the date of the final adoption decree on a timely basis. The child is discharged from foster care to adoption, but official notice of the legalized adoption date is not received and is not entered into the AFCARS Report prior to export of the AFCARS Adoption Database.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,222,818	—	Child maltreatment victims	—	—
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	6,629	7,760
Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	Children adopted	136	176
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—			
Black	—	—			
Hispanic	—	—			
White	—	—			
% Child population in poverty	—	—			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	—	—			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	—	—	— per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	—	—	— per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	—	— per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	—	—	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	—	—	Unknown	—	—
Number	—	—	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	—
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	—	—
Physical abuse	—	—
Sexual abuse	—	—
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	—	—
Number	—	—

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	6,073	2,171	1,615	6,629	8,244
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	6,568	2,703	1,510	7,760	9,271
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	21.6	N/A	11.5	28.0	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	26.6	N/A	13.0	26.4	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	3.3	2.9	14.2	12.8	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
1-5 years	32.7	29.1	35.5	34.3	40.1	36.6	29.2	27.4
6-10 years	31.9	32.4	29.8	29.7	31.3	31.4	32.3	32.2
11-15 years	26.0	26.7	17.1	19.8	19.6	21.5	26.5	26.7
16-18 years	6.0	8.7	2.6	2.8	4.7	7.4	9.0	9.1
19+ years	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.3	—	1.6
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.2	—	0.2	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,073	6,568	2,171	2,703	1,615	1,510	6,629	7,760

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.0	0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	—	—	—	—	0.0	0.0
Black	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic	99.1	99.4	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.5	99.2	99.5
White	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Unknown	0.2	0.1	—	0.0	—	0.1	0.2	0.1
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	6,073	6,568	2,171	2,703	1,615	1,510	6,629	7,760

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	628	625
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	144	165

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.0	1.6
1-5 years	18.0	14.7
6-10 years	39.8	38.6
11-15 years	30.6	34.6
16+ years	6.1	6.6
Unknown	2.5	4.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	628	625

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	99.5	99.8
White	0.5	0.2
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	628	625

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	5.9	6.3
1-5 years	53.7	39.8
6-10 years	23.5	38.1
11-15 years	11.8	13.6
16+ years	5.1	2.3
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	136	176

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	—	—
Hispanic	99.3	100.0
White	0.7	—
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	136	176

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	—
Children older than 12 at entry	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

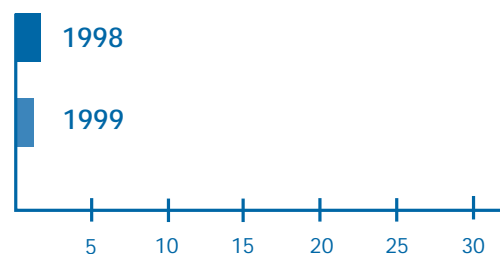
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	94.4	92.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.8	1.2
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.7	5.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,171	2,703

Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

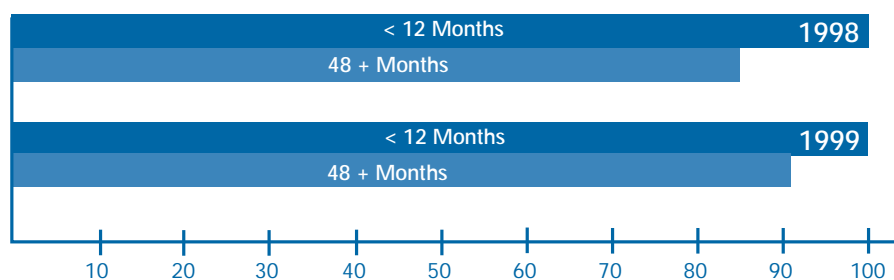
5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	—
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	—
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	—
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	—
48 or more mos.	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	99.9	0.1	—	100.0	2,708
	1999	99.6	0.4	—	100.0	3,073
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	99.6	0.4	—	100.0	1,610
	1999	99.5	0.5	—	100.0	1,748
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	99.1	0.9	—	100.0	1,169
	1999	99.4	0.6	—	100.0	1,050
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	97.9	2.1	—	100.0	1,214
	1999	98.8	1.2	—	100.0	901
48 or more mos.	1998	84.3	15.7	—	100.0	1,530
	1999	90.6	9.4	—	100.0	2,491
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	13
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	8

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	5.0	0.4
Institutions	5.3	6.6
Other settings	89.7	93.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,894	2,330

Puerto Rico

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	237,917	241,180	Child maltreatment victims	3,448	3,485
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	2,844	2,621
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.6	0.6	Children adopted	222	292
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.2	3.2			
Black	5.5	5.5			
Hispanic	10.3	10.9			
White	80.5	79.8			
% Child population in poverty	22.8	14.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	93.1	92.2			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,863	9,424	41.5 per 1,000	39.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	3,448	3,485	14.5 per 1,000	14.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	4	0.8 per 100,000	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	6.8	6.8	Alaska Native/American Indian	1.5	1.0
1-5 years	29.1	29.0	Asian/Pacific Islander	2.3	2.1
6-10 years	31.5	32.0	Black	17.1	16.3
11-15 years	23.5	23.0	Hispanic	16.8	17.3
16+ years	8.0	8.4	White	72.8	72.6
Unknown	1.0	0.8	Other	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	6.3	7.8
Number	3,448	3,485	Total % ²	116.8	117.3
			Number	3,448	3,485

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	0.7	0.6
Medical neglect	2.5	2.2
Neglect	84.7	84.6
Physical abuse	28.9	26.6
Sexual abuse	8.9	8.9
Other	3.4	3.8
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	129.1	126.7
Number	3,448	3,485

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	1,907	1,623	915	2,844	3,530
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,102	1,403	1,018	2,621	3,505
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	15.6	N/A	7.4	14.2	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	15.5	N/A	11.1	15.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.0	5.4	11.7	14.0	6.3	6.1	4.5	4.7
1-5 years	23.2	22.5	18.8	19.1	22.8	26.8	20.9	20.5
6-10 years	21.8	20.6	17.3	15.1	19.2	21.5	19.9	17.6
11-15 years	25.8	29.7	33.1	33.2	26.2	25.9	27.5	28.4
16-18 years	20.0	18.6	18.4	17.7	22.2	17.1	22.8	24.4
19+ years	3.7	3.0	0.4	0.6	2.3	2.4	3.8	3.9
Missing	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,907	2,102	1,623	1,403	915	1,018	2,844	2,621

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.1	1.6	1.5	2.2	2.2	3.1	1.7	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.0	1.5	1.2	2.0
Black	25.5	23.4	17.9	18.1	19.5	19.6	22.6	21.3
Hispanic	13.1	15.5	16.0	15.0	13.7	19.7	14.3	14.0
White	54.3	54.3	59.3	59.4	59.5	51.9	56.3	57.9
Unknown	4.3	3.9	3.7	2.8	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.3
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,907	2,102	1,623	1,403	915	1,018	2,844	2,621

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	322	339
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	100	87

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.2	1.5
1-5 years	40.4	34.8
6-10 years	41.3	36.6
11-15 years	15.2	25.1
16+ years	1.6	2.1
Unknown	0.3	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	322	339

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.2	0.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	1.2
Black	27.0	32.2
Hispanic	14.9	13.3
White	50.6	45.1
Unknown	5.0	7.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	322	339

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.8	1.4
1-5 years	52.3	45.2
6-10 years	34.2	37.3
11-15 years	9.5	14.4
16+ years	2.3	1.7
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	222	292

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.9	2.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.8	0.7
Black	29.7	25.7
Hispanic	6.3	12.7
White	36.0	45.5
Unknown	25.2	13.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	222	292

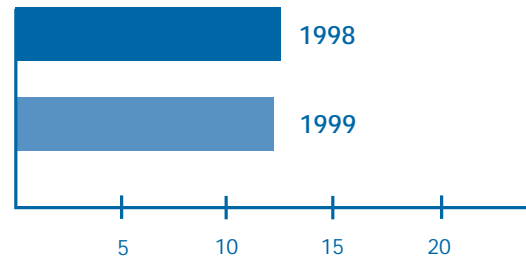
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	87.4	87.8
Children with one or more recurrences	12.6	12.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,751	1,781

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

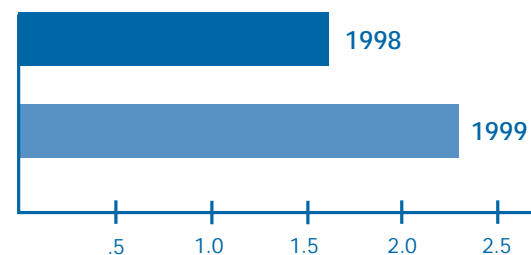


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.6	2.3
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.4	97.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,400	3,292

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

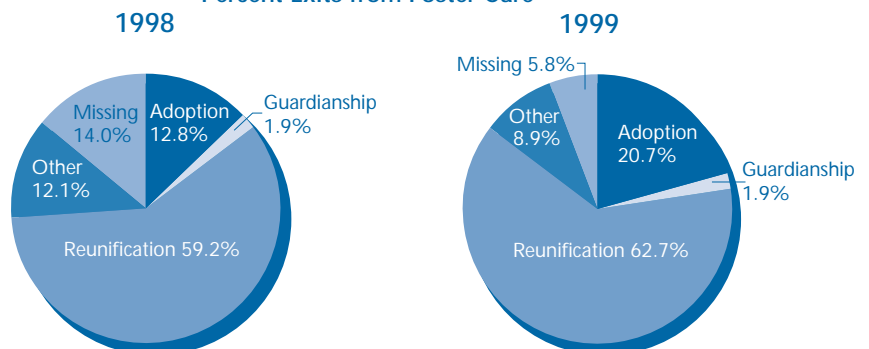


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	12.8	20.7
Guardianship	1.9	1.9
Reunification	59.2	62.7
Other	12.1	8.9
Missing	14.0	5.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	915	1,018

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	11.9	30.2
Guardianship	—	0.5
Reunification	51.3	39.6
Other	14.4	18.7
Missing	22.5	11.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	160	182

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.3
Guardianship	1.1	0.6
Reunification	53.8	68.3
Other	20.3	18.2
Missing	24.8	12.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	359	319

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.7	11.6
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	83.7
Missing	2.8	4.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	36	43

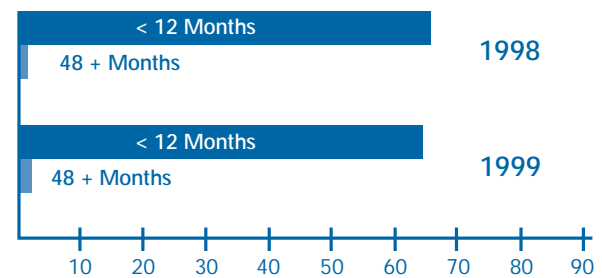
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	10.0	21.9	11.1	26.7	24.7	22.5	7.2	23.9
Guardianship	—	9.4	—	—	5.1	2.5	3.2	0.5
Reunification	85.0	56.3	44.4	66.7	46.1	58.0	73.6	65.2
Other	—	9.4	33.3	6.7	13.5	12.0	3.2	6.0
Missing	5.0	3.1	11.1	—	10.7	5.0	12.8	4.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	20	32	9	15	178	200	125	201

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	9.7	17.6	20.5	33.3	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.7	1.9	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	59.7	64.2	56.4	57.1	N/A	—	—	—
Other	13.8	9.1	12.8	7.1	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	16.0	7.2	10.3	2.4	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	544	528	39	42	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

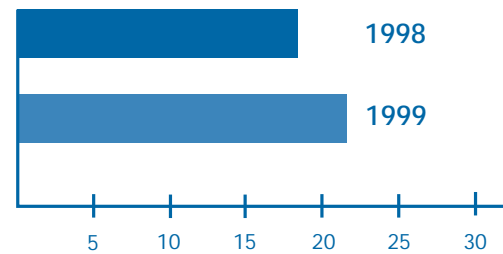
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	65.9	64.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	9.0	17.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.0	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	1.4
48 or more mos.	1.8	2.2
Missing	19.4	11.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	542	638

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	48.4	65.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.2	21.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.3	8.7
Missing	25.1	4.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,623	1,403

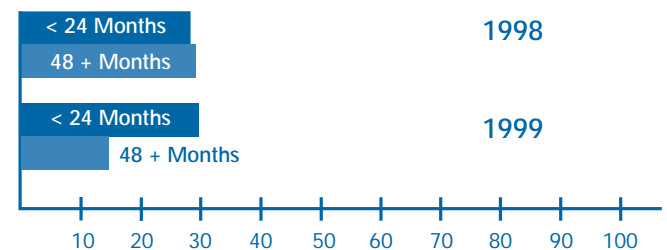
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	5.1	9.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.1	20.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.7	26.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	20.5	12.3
48 or more mos.	29.1	14.7
Missing	8.5	16.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	117	211

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

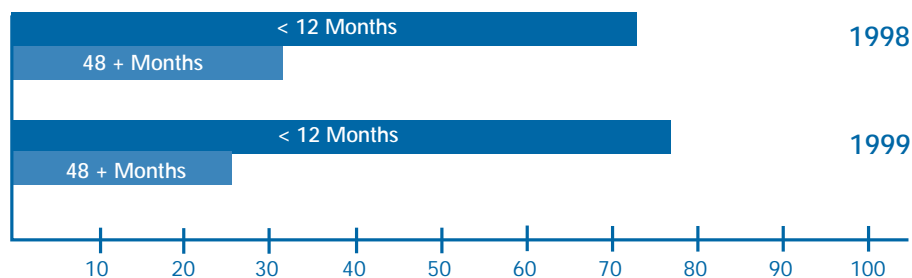


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	72.7	27.3	0.1	100.0	1,712
	1999	76.7	22.6	0.7	100.0	1,593
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	47.0	47.0	5.9	100.0	761
	1999	58.1	37.9	3.9	100.0	762
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	35.2	54.4	10.4	100.0	327
	1999	34.4	53.1	12.5	100.0	480
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	27.8	48.9	23.2	100.0	237
	1999	29.5	56.5	14.0	100.0	207
48 or more mos.	1998	31.4	54.4	14.2	100.0	478
	1999	25.3	59.3	15.5	100.0	459
Missing	1998	66.7	33.3	—	100.0	15
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	4

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	19.8	16.6
Institutions	0.6	1.3
Other settings	79.6	82.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	470	469

Rhode Island

[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	959,296	955,930	Child maltreatment victims	8,432	9,580
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	4,644	4,645
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	465	456
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.0			
Black	36.5	36.1			
Hispanic	1.7	1.9			
White	60.6	60.8			
% Child population in poverty	20.1	17.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	63.6	67.9			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	38,238	39,902	39.9 per 1,000	41.7 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	8,432	9,580	8.8 per 1,000	10.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	16	13	1.7 per 100,000	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.9	8.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0	0.3
1-5 years	35.6	26.9	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.6
6-10 years	29.9	31.3	Black	47.2	45.9
11-15 years	24.2	24.9	Hispanic	0.4	1.5
16+ years	5.7	8.7	White	49.9	52.6
Unknown	0.8	0.0	Other	2.3	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.4	0.6
Number	8,432	9,580	Total % ²	100.4	101.7
			Number	8,432	9,580

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.5
Medical neglect	4.4	4.1
Neglect	46.5	54.8
Physical abuse	14.7	13.7
Sexual abuse	8.4	6.3
Other	52.1	67.7
Unknown	—	0.1
Total % ³	126.9	147.2
Number	8,432	9,580

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,142	3,191	3,689	4,644	8,333
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	4,631	3,036	3,022	4,645	7,667

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	27.0	N/A	8.1	24.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	24.7	N/A	5.9	20.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	4.2	4.9	14.8	14.6	6.3	6.9	4.9	4.5
1-5 years	24.6	23.1	25.7	23.9	26.8	27.3	23.0	22.1
6-10 years	24.5	24.5	25.2	24.5	26.1	24.9	24.5	23.3
11-15 years	28.4	29.8	27.5	31.0	22.3	24.2	29.7	32.0
16-18 years	16.7	15.8	6.2	6.0	16.0	14.0	15.7	16.1
19+ years	1.5	1.9	0.2	0.0	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.9
Missing	0.2	0.0	0.4	—	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,142	4,631	3,191	3,036	3,689	3,022	4,644	4,645

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	62.7	62.5	51.6	55.1	54.1	55.1	61.9	62.5
Hispanic	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0
White	34.9	36.1	45.2	42.8	42.8	43.0	35.7	36.0
Unknown	1.0	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.1	1.1	0.0
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,142	4,631	3,191	3,036	3,689	3,022	4,644	4,645

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	1,927	2,071
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	704	620

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.0	3.1
1-5 years	29.6	30.1
6-10 years	33.5	31.1
11-15 years	28.1	31.1
16+ years	4.6	4.1
Unknown	1.1	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,927	2,071

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1
Black	66.4	66.1
Hispanic	0.6	0.6
White	31.1	32.8
Unknown	1.3	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,927	2,071

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.9	2.2
1-5 years	40.4	43.9
6-10 years	39.4	38.2
11-15 years	16.1	14.0
16+ years	2.2	1.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	465	456

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.4	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	68.4	61.4
Hispanic	0.4	0.7
White	29.0	36.6
Unknown	1.7	1.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	465	456

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

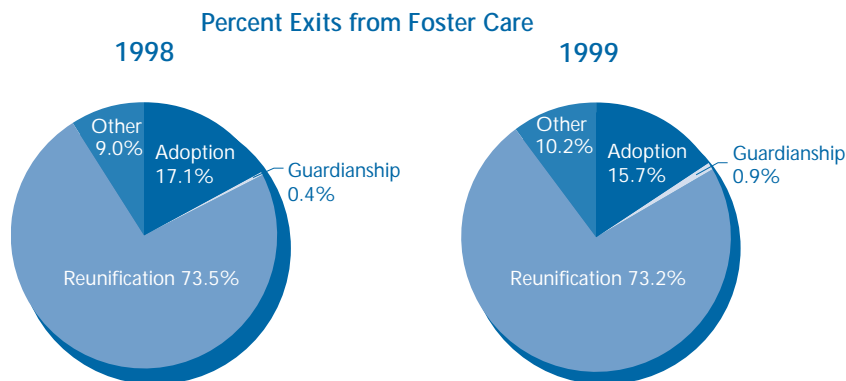
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	17.1	15.7
Guardianship	0.4	0.9
Reunification	73.5	73.2
Other	9.0	10.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,689	3,022



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	32.7	36.8
Guardianship	—	0.5
Reunification	48.9	36.8
Other	18.4	26.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	370	389

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.6	0.5
Guardianship	0.2	0.9
Reunification	74.3	73.7
Other	24.9	24.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	871	742

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.1	36.1
Children older than 12 at entry	64.9	63.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	285	249

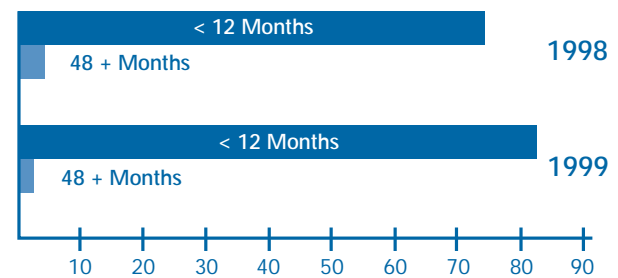
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	16.7	50.0	—	—	20.1	17.0	23.4	9.8
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	0.6	0.9	—	—
Reunification	66.7	—	100.0	100.0	69.4	71.5	74.5	85.4
Other	16.7	50.0	—	—	9.9	10.6	2.1	4.9
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	12	2	3	10	1,997	1,666	47	41

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	12.9	14.2	23.1	50.0	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.1	0.9	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	78.8	75.0	73.1	50.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	8.1	9.9	3.8	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	1,578	1,299	52	4	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

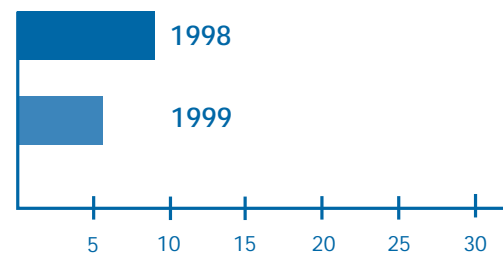
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	74.2	82.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.1	10.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.8	2.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	1.5
48 or more mos.	4.6	2.5
Missing	0.6	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,713	2,212

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	82.2	85.4
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.0	5.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.1	8.6
Missing	0.6	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,191	3,036

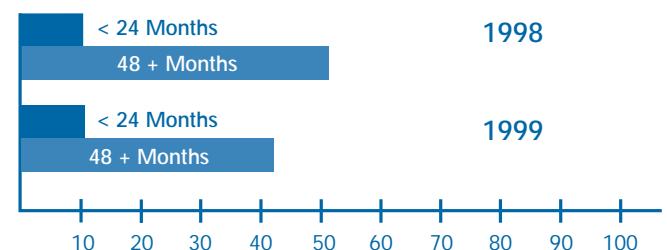
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	7.0	8.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	17.6	20.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	20.8	26.1
48 or more mos.	51.3	42.1
Missing	0.2	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	631	475

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

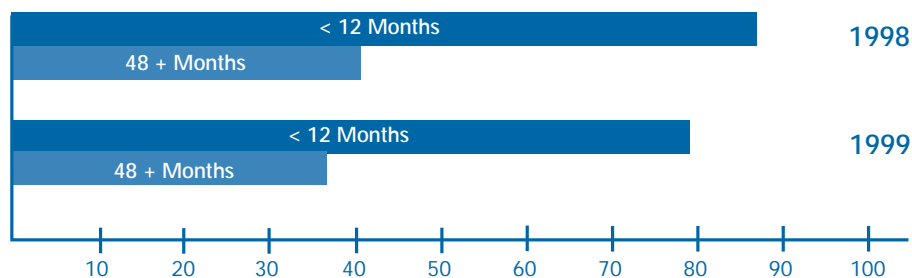


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	86.6	13.3	0.1	100.0	3,657
	1999	78.8	19.6	1.6	100.0	3,498
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	63.2	36.7	0.1	100.0	1,085
	1999	55.8	43.5	0.6	100.0	1,236
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	51.9	48.0	0.1	100.0	902
	1999	44.7	54.1	1.2	100.0	689
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	50.9	49.1	—	100.0	812
	1999	38.1	61.7	0.2	100.0	572
48 or more mos.	1998	40.5	59.5	—	100.0	1,844
	1999	36.6	63.4	—	100.0	1,658
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	33
	1999	85.7	—	14.3	100.0	14

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	28.5	4.9
Institutions	1.5	17.8
Other settings	61.5	77.3
Missing	8.5	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,324	2,137

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Data were not available for outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1 for 1998 and 1999. South Carolina was in the process of converting to and implementing a new SACWIS System in 1998. Because of that process and a desire to provide accurate data, the NCANDS-DCDC submission was limited to data available from January 1, 1998 through August 1998 from the prior Central Registry System. We do have the data for Outcome Measure 2.1. We had 21 foster children identified as victims of child maltreatment out of 6477 children served during 1998. Please see NCANDS SDC data submission for the Relationship of the Perpetrator to the Victim.

The data for outcome measure 7.1 indicate a decrease in placements for children age 12 and younger in group homes from 28.5 % in 1998 to 4.9% in 1999. The 1998 data were due to an error in the coding of private foster homes of private provider agencies, which was corrected for 1999.

We have noted a second issue for this measure which showed an increase from 1.5% in FY 1998 to 17.8% in FY 1999 for children placed in institutions. In South Carolina the majority of children are removed from their homes by law enforcement taking emergency protective custody. Most of these children are placed in an emergency shelter. Our emergency shelters are licensed for more than 12 beds. Any facility, including emergency shelters, with more than 12 children is licensed as an institution. In addition, we have a number of facilities with cottages on a campus setting with the cottage housing less than 12 children each (usually 6 to 8). These are also counted as an institution since we license the campus and not each cottage.

We will continue to monitor the data to determine if we need to make any corrections to our system.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	200,937	198,037	Child maltreatment victims	2,647	2,561
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	1,119
Alaska Native/American Indian	14.1	14.4	Children adopted	55	84
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.9			
Black	0.7	0.7			
Hispanic	1.8	1.8			
White	82.6	82.1			
% Child population in poverty	20.4	7.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	38.9	36.1			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	5,313	4,709	26.4 per 1,000	23.8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	2,647	2,561	13.2 per 1,000	12.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	3	1.5 per 100,000	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.8	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	45.1	—
1-5 years	20.9	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	35.5	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	27.8	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	10.7	—	White	42.6	—
Unknown	4.3	—	Other	4.8	—
Total %	100.0	—	Unknown	7.4	—
Number	2,647	—	Total % ²	100.0	—
			Number	2,647	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	10.6	11.4
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	73.0	70.9
Physical abuse	23.3	25.1
Sexual abuse	8.3	10.0
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	115.3	117.5
Number	2,647	2,561

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	912	1,324	1,118	1,119	2,236
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	—	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.7	N/A	2.3	10.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	4.5	—	14.0	—	9.5	—	6.3
1-5 years	—	28.6	—	33.9	—	35.9	—	27.0
6-10 years	—	29.6	—	26.0	—	26.7	—	27.8
11-15 years	—	28.3	—	20.4	—	19.1	—	28.7
16-18 years	—	8.8	—	5.3	—	8.3	—	10.0
19+ years	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.2
Missing	—	0.1	—	0.5	—	0.3	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	912	—	1,324	—	1,118	—	1,119

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	63.5	—	60.0	—	59.3	—	63.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Black	—	1.8	—	2.6	—	2.4	—	2.1
Hispanic	—	2.1	—	3.5	—	2.0	—	3.8
White	—	32.5	—	32.9	—	35.9	—	29.5
Unknown	—	0.2	—	0.8	—	0.4	—	0.7
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.1	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	912	—	1,324	—	1,118	—	1,119

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	288
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	202

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	8.3
1-5 years	—	25.7
6-10 years	—	32.6
11-15 years	—	27.8
16+ years	—	5.2
Unknown	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	288

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	57.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.3
Black	—	2.8
Hispanic	—	4.2
White	—	34.0
Unknown	—	0.7
Not applicable	—	0.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	288

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.8	1.2
1-5 years	45.5	45.2
6-10 years	32.7	39.3
11-15 years	18.2	9.5
16+ years	1.8	4.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	55	84

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	34.5	46.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	1.8	2.4
Hispanic	1.8	3.6
White	61.8	46.4
Unknown	—	1.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	55	84

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

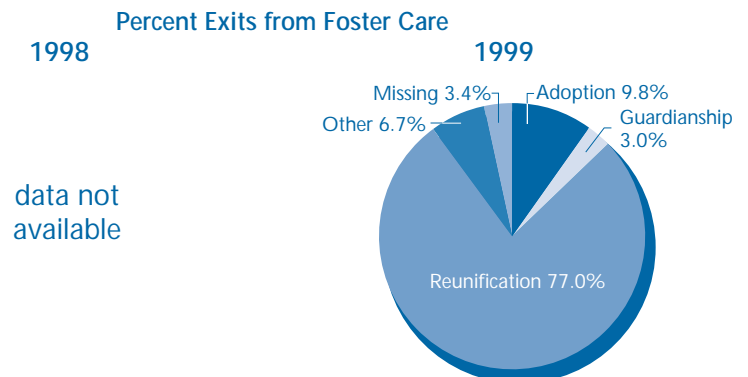
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from

Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Adoption	—	9.8
Guardianship	—	3.0
Reunification	—	77.0
Other	—	6.7
Missing	—	3.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,118



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	23.3
Guardianship	—	7.8
Reunification	—	44.0
Other	—	17.2
Missing	—	7.8
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	116

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.5
Guardianship	—	4.9
Reunification	—	68.3
Other	—	18.0
Missing	—	8.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	183

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	21.7
Children older than 12 at entry	—	78.3
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	23

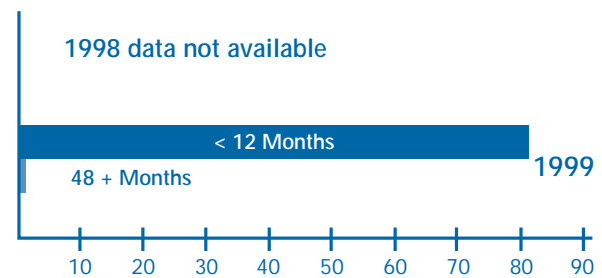
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	6.5	—	—	—	7.4	—	9.1
Guardianship	—	2.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	80.7	—	—	—	92.6	—	68.2
Other	—	6.9	—	—	—	—	—	18.2
Missing	—	3.3	—	—	—	—	—	4.5
Total %	—	100.0	—	—	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	663	—	—	—	27	—	22

	White	Unable to Determine	Not Applicable	Missing
Adoption	—	15.5	—	25.0
Guardianship	—	4.2	—	—
Reunification	—	70.6	—	—
Other	—	6.2	—	—
Missing	—	3.5	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	401	—	4

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

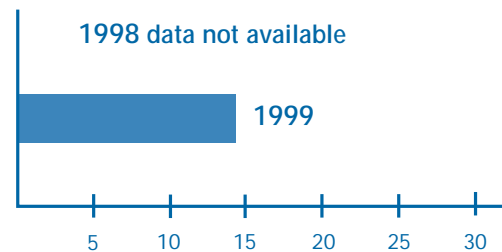
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	81.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	9.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	2.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	0.5
48 or more mos.	—	0.9
Missing	—	5.9
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	861

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	62.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	14.2
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	22.4
Missing	—	1.3
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,324

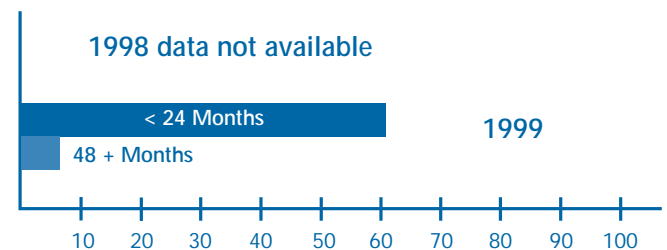
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	24.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	36.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	28.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	4.5
48 or more mos.	—	6.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	110

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

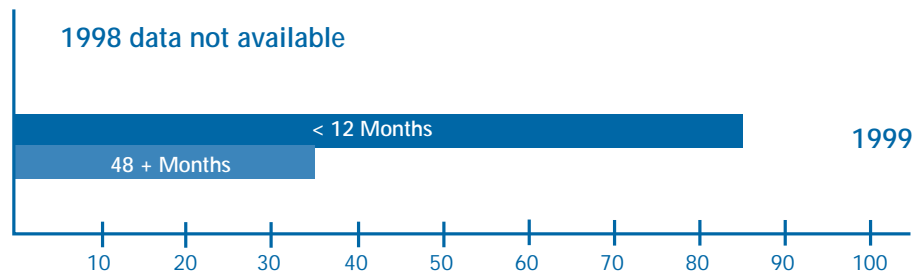


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	84.6	14.0	1.4	100.0	1,404
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	68.5	31.5	—	100.0	362
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	45.3	54.1	0.6	100.0	181
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	41.0	57.7	1.3	100.0	78
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	35.0	64.3	0.7	100.0	140
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	95.8	4.2	—	100.0	71

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	0.7
Institutions	—	15.1
Other settings	—	83.2
Missing	—	1.0
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,030

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The South Dakota Office of Child Protection Services (CPS) voluntarily submits the SDC child safety data to NCANDS on an annual basis. South Dakota CPS did not submit DCDC data as part of NCANDS. However, South Dakota CPS has recently reported the data regarding recurrence of maltreatment and incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care to meet the requirements of the Child and Family Services Review. The information for those items is as follows:

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	85.5	88.9
Children with one or more recurrences	14.5	11.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,260	1,225

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	7	12

With respect to the discrepancy between adoption data from the AFCARS Adoption Database and exits to adoption reported in outcome measures 3.1 and 5.1 (from the Foster Care Database), children exit foster care when they are placed for adoption. Since AFCARS only looks at adoption when finalized, only 84 of the 110 children that exited foster care were finalized in the reporting period.

Data for outcome measure 4.2 indicate that 36.6 percent of all children who entered foster care in 1999 had been in foster care at a prior time. This is somewhat higher than we expected. The State of South Dakota will be having its Federal Child and Family Services Review this year, to be completed by the end of September 2001. This is an issue we plan to focus on as we complete our Statewide Assessment portion of our Federal Review.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,331,402	1,340,930	Child maltreatment victims	9,930	10,611
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	—	10,796
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	337	382
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.2	1.2			
Black	21.4	21.4			
Hispanic	1.6	1.7			
White	75.6	75.4			
% Child population in poverty	20.3	17.4			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	76.2	73.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,286	33,629	24.2 per 1,000	25.1 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	9,930	10,611	7.5 per 1,000	7.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	16	0.9 per 100,000	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	9.6	9.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.0
1-5 years	31.7	30.5	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3
6-10 years	31.2	31.1	Black	31.1	31.6
11-15 years	22.1	23.8	Hispanic	0.8	1.5
16+ years	5.2	5.2	White	63.5	62.5
Unknown	0.1	0.3	Other	1.8	2.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	2.2	3.2
Number	9,930	10,611	Total % ²	100.0	101.5
			Number	9,930	10,611

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.8	1.2
Medical neglect	3.1	3.1
Neglect	43.0	43.5
Physical abuse	19.6	20.0
Sexual abuse	22.4	21.0
Other	10.1	11.2
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	100.0	100.0
Number	9,930	10,611

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	—	—	—	—
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,296	5,968	3,481	10,796	14,264
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	—	N/A	-	—	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	17.5	N/A	12.3	13.6	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	—	2.7	—	9.0	—	2.6	—	3.2
1-5 years	—	18.5	—	13.1	—	15.5	—	16.6
6-10 years	—	18.9	—	12.6	—	11.9	—	17.6
11-15 years	—	30.8	—	35.3	—	19.1	—	29.8
16-18 years	—	28.3	—	30.0	—	48.5	—	31.8
19+ years	—	0.7	—	—	—	2.0	—	1.0
Missing	—	0.1	—	0.0	—	0.4	—	0.1
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	8,296	—	5,968	—	3,481	—	10,796

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2	—	0.3	—	0.3	—	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.3	—	0.5	—	0.4	—	0.4
Black	—	38.2	—	35.2	—	29.9	—	39.2
Hispanic	—	1.4	—	1.6	—	1.2	—	1.5
White	—	59.5	—	61.5	—	67.5	—	58.0
Unknown	—	0.5	—	1.0	—	0.7	—	0.7
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	8,296	—	5,968	—	3,481	—	10,796

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	—	1,666
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	—	992

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	2.1
1-5 years	—	23.9
6-10 years	—	34.1
11-15 years	—	30.0
16+ years	—	8.1
Unknown	—	1.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,666

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.2
Black	—	48.3
Hispanic	—	1.9
White	—	49.1
Unknown	—	0.4
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	1,666

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.5	1.0
1-5 years	46.6	44.5
6-10 years	32.3	34.0
11-15 years	16.3	17.0
16+ years	3.0	3.4
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	337	382

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	44.8	37.4
Hispanic	3.6	2.4
White	51.0	59.2
Unknown	0.3	0.3
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	337	382

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

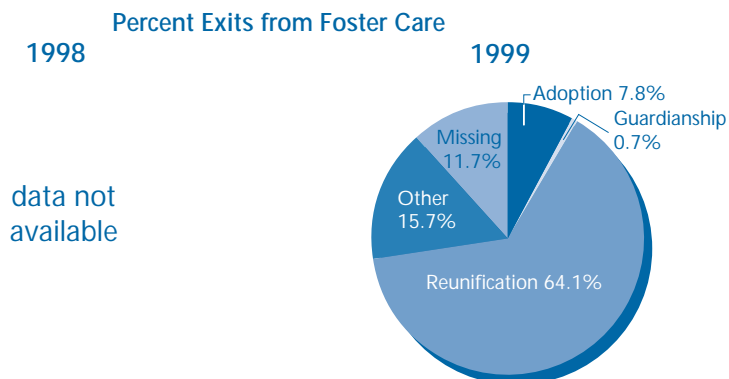
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	7.8
Guardianship	—	0.7
Reunification	—	64.1
Other	—	15.7
Missing	—	11.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,481



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	18.2
Guardianship	—	0.7
Reunification	—	44.2
Other	—	22.6
Missing	—	14.2
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	274

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.1
Guardianship	—	0.4
Reunification	—	64.4
Other	—	22.3
Missing	—	12.8
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,045

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	—	14.5
Children older than 12 at entry	—	84.9
Missing	—	0.6
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	496

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	—	7.5	—	11.9
Guardianship	—	11.1	—	—	—	1.3	—	—
Reunification	—	77.8	—	71.4	—	65.9	—	61.9
Other	—	11.1	—	28.6	—	15.7	—	14.3
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	9.6	—	11.9
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0	—	100.0
Number	—	9	—	14	—	1,041	—	42

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	—	7.9	—	4.2	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	0.4	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	—	63.1	—	83.3	N/A	—	—	—
Other	—	15.8	—	4.2	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	12.7	—	8.3	N/A	—	—	100.0
Total %	—	100.0	—	100.0	N/A	—	—	100.0
Number	—	2,350	—	24	N/A	—	—	1

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

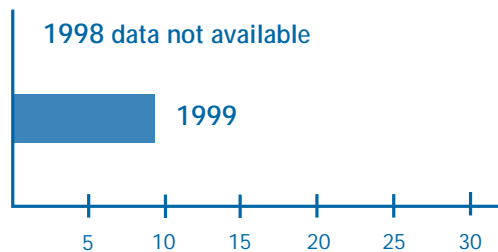
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	59.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	24.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	8.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	3.3
48 or more mos.	—	4.3
Missing	—	0.5
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,233

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	—	84.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	—	9.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	6.2
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	5,968

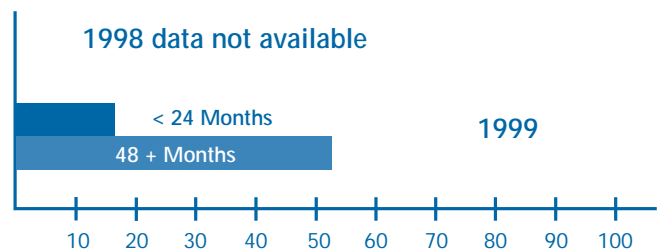
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	3.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	—	13.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	—	17.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	—	13.3
48 or more mos.	—	52.6
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	270

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

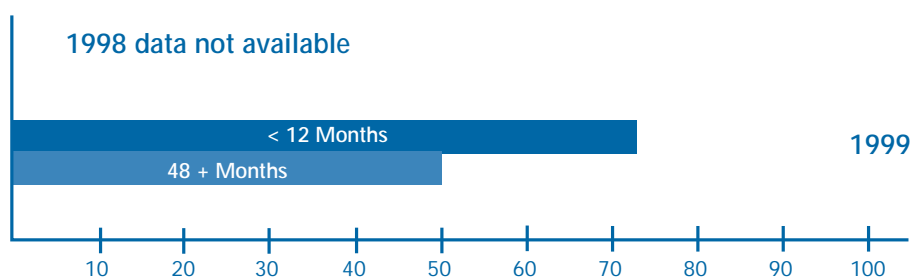


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	72.9	25.2	1.9	100.0	6,734
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	52.2	47.3	0.5	100.0	2,876
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	51.0	48.8	0.2	100.0	1,448
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	48.5	51.2	0.3	100.0	934
48 or more mos.	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	50.0	49.6	0.4	100.0	2,245
Missing	1998	—	—	—	—	—
	1999	81.5	14.8	3.7	100.0	27

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	—	8.3
Institutions	—	6.8
Other settings	—	84.5
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	2,264

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We are proud of the progress that Tennessee is making and expect even more in future reports. With regard to the discrepancy between the adoption numbers reported in Section E from the AFCARS Adoption Database and the exits from foster care to adoption reported from the AFCARS Foster Care Database, the AFCARS adoption data elements were not being entered into Tennessee's SACWIS system at the time of this report, but were reported on a separate data collection form. The numbers reported on the AFCARS Adoptions file have been verified and are the accurate state numbers to be used. Because Adoptions data were not being entered directly into the SACWIS, frontline staff did not update or reconcile the exits to adoptions in the system with the actual adoptions finalized.

As a general comment, the Tennessee Department of Children's Services includes both child welfare and juvenile justice programs. As a result, AFCARS numbers and demographic information may be influenced by some juvenile justice cases that were part of the child welfare program for only a brief period of time during the reporting year.

In Section D: Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999 and Section E: Children Adopted: Because a multiple race category was not available in AFCARS for these reporting periods, children recorded in Tennessee's SACWIS as being of multiple races are not consistently reported as black or white, which produces error in an unknown direction in both group's total percentages.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	5,629,200	5,719,234	Child maltreatment victims	39,925	39,488
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	17,103	19,680
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	1,602	2,052
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.6	2.7			
Black	12.4	12.3			
Hispanic	38.5	39.1			
White	46.4	45.7			
% Child population in poverty	24.4	22.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	82.9	81.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	172,718	170,834	30.7 per 1,000	29.9 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	39,925	39,488	7.1 per 1,000	6.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	176	143	3.1 per 100,000	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	11.2	10.7	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3
1-5 years	33.2	33.0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.7
6-10 years	31.0	31.3	Black	24.8	24.5
11-15 years	21.3	21.1	Hispanic	34.9	33.7
16+ years	3.3	3.9	White	69.6	73.2
Unknown	0.1	0.0	Other	3.7	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.0	0.9
Number	39,925	39,488	Total % ²	134.9	133.7
			Number	39,925	39,488

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	3.9	3.5
Medical neglect	4.8	5.1
Neglect	57.3	59.6
Physical abuse	29.9	29.3
Sexual abuse	15.7	14.9
Other	3.4	3.5
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	115.0	115.9
Number	39,925	39,488

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	14,324	6,539	3,760	17,103	20,863
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	14,054	9,668	4,041	19,680	23,722
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	21.9	N/A	15.5	21.0	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.2	N/A	12.5	15.1	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.0	5.0	19.7	20.9	5.5	5.7	5.0	7.1
1-5 years	28.3	25.8	32.6	33.1	30.6	31.3	29.6	29.6
6-10 years	26.2	26.5	24.8	24.1	21.8	20.2	27.6	26.5
11-15 years	27.8	29.0	20.1	18.5	16.8	16.1	26.4	25.8
16-18 years	12.4	13.4	2.9	3.4	24.1	25.9	11.1	10.4
19+ years	0.2	0.2	0.0	—	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	14,324	14,054	6,539	9,668	3,760	4,041	17,103	19,680

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	34.0	32.9	29.1	27.6	32.6	32.1	32.5	30.5
Hispanic	30.1	30.6	30.4	32.5	28.2	29.2	30.6	31.8
White	32.4	32.7	34.9	32.7	35.3	34.7	32.7	32.3
Unknown	3.0	3.3	5.1	4.7	3.2	3.2	3.8	4.0
Not applicable	—	0.0	—	1.6	—	0.2	—	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	14,324	14,054	6,539	9,668	3,760	4,041	17,103	19,680

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	8,017	8,734
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	5,811	6,707

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.0	4.6
1-5 years	35.2	32.9
6-10 years	34.6	33.0
11-15 years	24.1	26.1
16+ years	2.8	3.2
Unknown	0.3	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,017	8,734

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2
Black	34.2	32.6
Hispanic	31.3	31.8
White	30.1	30.2
Unknown	3.9	4.1
Not applicable	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	8,017	8,734

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	2.8	2.9
1-5 years	51.7	49.2
6-10 years	33.3	32.2
11-15 years	11.4	14.6
16+ years	0.7	1.2
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,602	2,052

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2
Black	34.0	30.1
Hispanic	31.0	35.4
White	29.0	30.5
Unknown	5.5	3.7
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,602	2,052

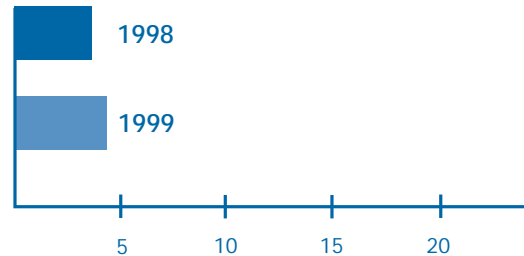
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	96.3	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	3.7	4.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	20,794	20,929

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

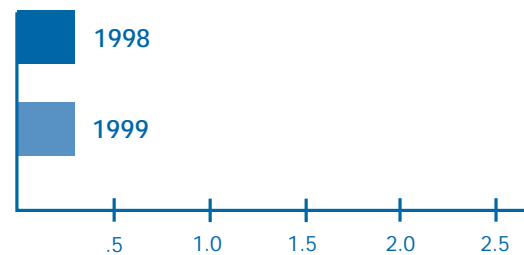


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.3	0.3
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.7	99.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	19,915	22,791

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

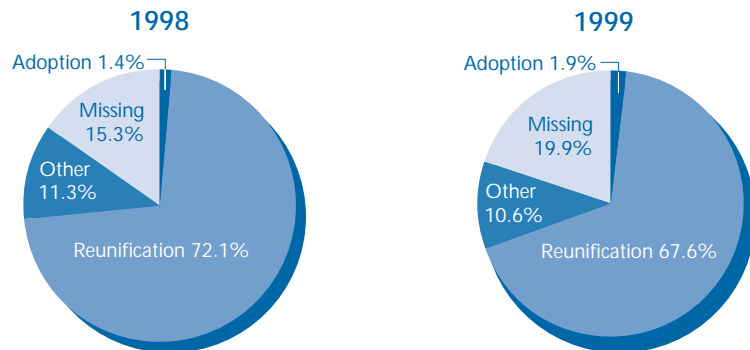


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.4	1.9
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	72.1	67.6
Other	11.3	10.6
Missing	15.3	19.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,760	4,041

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.1	2.7
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	64.5	54.2
Other	14.5	15.8
Missing	19.9	27.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	825	984

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	44.5	42.0
Other	30.3	24.6
Missing	25.2	33.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	812	847

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.9	50.2
Children older than 12 at entry	57.1	49.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	347	333

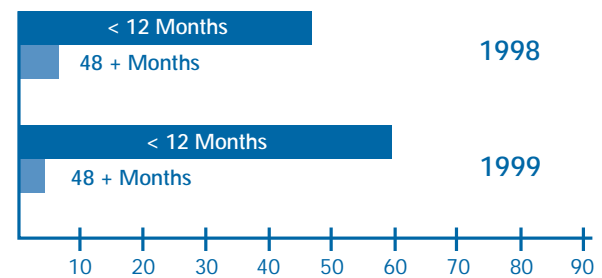
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	7.1	—	0.5	1.5	1.4	2.5
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	57.1	53.8	71.4	75.0	74.3	71.4	73.4	65.8
Other	—	23.1	7.1	—	10.3	9.0	10.0	10.8
Missing	42.9	23.1	14.3	25.0	14.9	18.1	15.2	21.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	14	13	14	8	1,224	1,299	1,062	1,180

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	2.1	1.7	3.0	4.3	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	68.6	65.4	79.1	63.8	N/A	33.3	73.6	81.7
Other	14.0	12.2	4.5	10.6	N/A	22.2	3.8	2.4
Missing	15.3	20.7	13.4	21.3	N/A	44.4	22.6	15.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,326	1,403	67	47	N/A	9	53	82

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

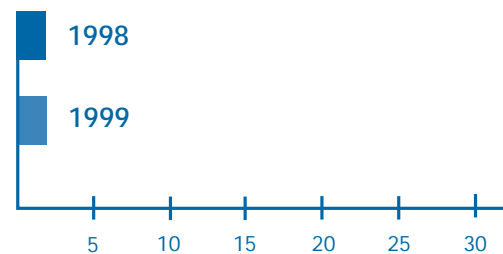
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	47.6	59.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.6	27.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.9	6.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.1	2.9
48 or more mos.	6.7	4.6
Missing	0.1	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,710	2,733

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	92.4	93.2
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.0	2.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	3.1	3.3
Missing	2.6	1.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	6,539	9,668

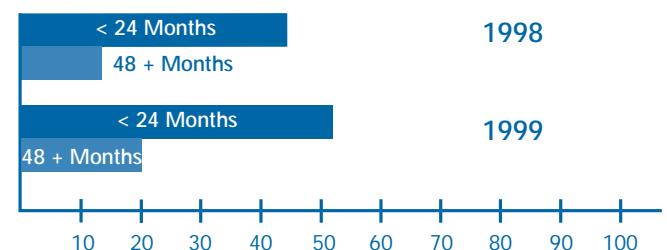
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	5.8	16.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	38.5	36.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	17.3	10.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	25.0	17.3
48 or more mos.	13.5	20.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	52	75

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

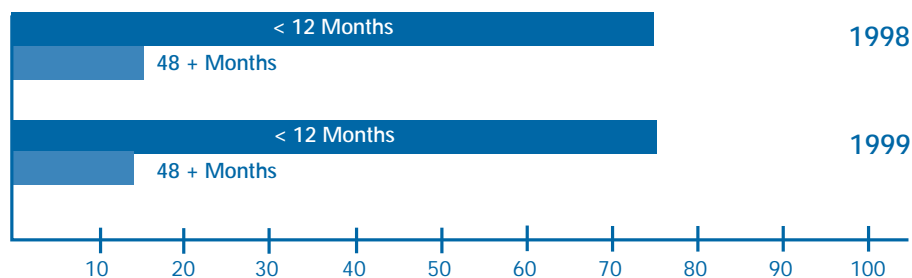


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	74.8	25.2	—	100.0	7,310
	1999	75.2	24.8	0.0	100.0	10,650
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	46.5	53.5	0.0	100.0	4,404
	1999	44.7	55.3	—	100.0	4,290
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	32.6	67.4	—	100.0	2,523
	1999	31.0	69.0	—	100.0	2,491
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	25.9	74.1	—	100.0	1,898
	1999	23.5	76.5	—	100.0	1,568
48 or more mos.	1998	15.3	84.7	0.0	100.0	4,690
	1999	14.2	85.8	—	100.0	4,698
Missing	1998	86.8	13.2	—	100.0	38
	1999	96.0	4.0	—	100.0	25

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	2.1	3.0
Institutions	10.0	8.7
Other settings	83.1	83.4
Missing	4.8	4.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,473	7,741

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There are significant differences between performance data associated with exits from foster care for fiscal year 1999 to be published in the Annual Report and the official data published in Texas.

An analysis of the 1999 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data for outcome measures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 reflects significant missing data associated with the "reason for discharge" information. Further analysis of the AFCARS extract has revealed that for various reasons the discharge codes were inadvertently omitted from the criteria. Therefore, the extract will be amended to include the missing codes in future reports. The discrepancy in data for outcome measure 5.1, as well as the data in Section E, "Children Adopted," was also a result of missing "reason for discharge" codes.

There remains a difference in the number of exits from foster care when comparing 1999 data in Section C and the official data published in Texas, visible when comparing children in care on September 30, 1998 and October 1, 1998. As published in the federal 1998 Annual Report comments, the 3,760 exits from foster care for the 3.1 outcome measure was significantly lower than the actual Texas count, which exceeded 6,600.

We also have a question in regard to outcome measure 2.1 concerning maltreatment in foster care. The NCANDS DCDC data set includes all investigations of child abuse and neglect by parents or caretakers. It also includes investigations done by our Licensing division of alleged abuse or neglect in non-PRS foster homes or facilities. Therefore, substantiated victims in the NCANDS data set who have a perpetrator who is a foster parent or facility staff person are not in the AFCARS data set, since it includes only children served by the state's foster care system. To summarize, the numerator includes children not in the state's foster care system, but the denominator includes only children who are in the foster care system.

Ensuring that data published in the Annual Report accurately reflect Texas' performance continues to be a high priority for PRS. The data, as submitted, clearly do not reflect the efforts or successes of the Department. We realize the value of the data and will strive to continue to improve upon the accuracy in reporting.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	701,300	707,366	Child maltreatment victims	7,990	8,660
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	2,468	2,273
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.5	1.5	Children adopted	334	369
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.6	2.7			
Black	0.7	0.7			
Hispanic	8.3	8.7			
White	87.0	86.4			
% Child population in poverty	12.2	7.1			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	83.5	80.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,222	26,847	38.8 per 1,000	38.0 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,990	8,660	11.4 per 1,000	12.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	7	1.7 per 100,000	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.7	4.1	Alaska Native/American Indian	3.0	2.0
1-5 years	29.2	30.8	Asian/Pacific Islander	1.8	1.2
6-10 years	31.4	30.0	Black	2.4	1.9
11-15 years	26.7	25.5	Hispanic	12.7	12.9
16+ years	8.9	9.6	White	71.5	49.7
Unknown	—	—	Other	8.7	45.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	—	—
Number	7,990	8,660	Total % ²	100.0	112.9
			Number	7,990	8,660

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	40.3	41.4
Medical neglect	1.4	1.2
Neglect	33.0	28.8
Physical abuse	18.8	16.6
Sexual abuse	23.2	21.8
Other	11.6	10.1
Unknown	—	0.0
Total % ³	128.3	119.9
Number	7,990	8,660

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,228	2,196	1,956	2,468	4,424
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,222	2,383	2,332	2,273	4,605
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	11.7	N/A	5.5	12.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.7	N/A	5.5	11.2	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.9	3.6	10.3	12.8	6.4	7.9	3.7	4.8
1-5 years	19.9	19.1	28.9	26.6	28.7	29.0	20.1	17.9
6-10 years	23.0	22.6	23.2	22.7	23.2	23.3	22.6	19.6
11-15 years	34.1	34.1	29.5	29.2	24.8	23.3	33.4	35.9
16-18 years	19.8	20.1	8.1	8.6	16.2	15.4	19.6	21.2
19+ years	0.3	0.5	0.0	—	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6
Missing	0.0	—	—	—	0.1	0.0	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,228	2,222	2,196	2,383	1,956	2,332	2,468	2,273

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	6.2	4.2	4.3	5.1	6.2	3.1	4.5	6.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
Black	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.1
Hispanic	13.6	14.2	15.9	16.2	15.7	15.5	14.0	15.0
White	73.0	72.7	69.7	62.6	68.5	67.5	73.6	67.5
Unknown	2.6	4.5	5.1	10.4	4.2	8.8	3.6	6.3
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,228	2,222	2,196	2,383	1,956	2,332	2,468	2,273

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	658	325
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	647	245

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	6.8	4.3
1-5 years	35.0	27.4
6-10 years	36.3	32.0
11-15 years	18.5	30.5
16+ years	2.1	4.6
Unknown	1.2	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	658	325

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	1.5
Black	4.3	4.9
Hispanic	17.5	19.4
White	72.8	67.1
Unknown	3.5	5.5
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	658	325

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.8	7.6
1-5 years	47.9	43.1
6-10 years	34.1	36.9
11-15 years	12.9	12.2
16+ years	0.3	0.3
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	334	369

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	1.8	0.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	—
Black	4.2	2.4
Hispanic	16.2	20.3
White	62.6	33.9
Unknown	14.4	42.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	334	369

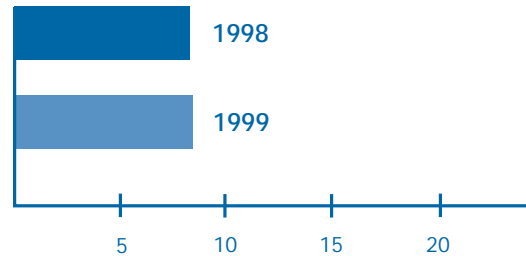
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	91.7	91.6
Children with one or more recurrences	8.3	8.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,967	4,062

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

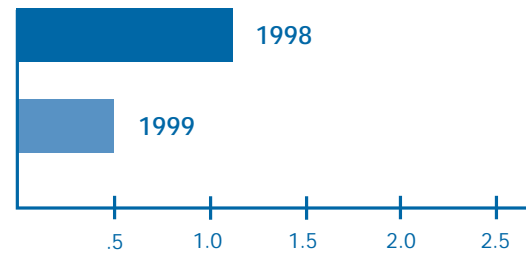


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.1	0.5
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.9	99.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,885	4,069

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

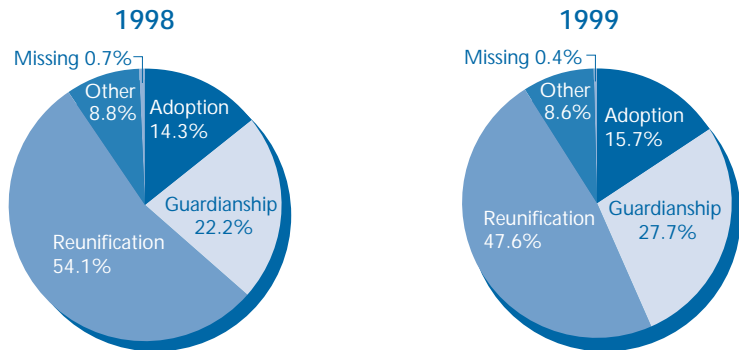


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	14.3	15.7
Guardianship	22.2	27.7
Reunification	54.1	47.6
Other	8.8	8.6
Missing	0.7	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,956	2,332

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	14.4	21.1
Guardianship	16.4	18.9
Reunification	52.5	44.5
Other	16.7	15.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	299	375

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	0.3
Guardianship	13.8	15.3
Reunification	59.8	57.1
Other	25.7	26.6
Missing	0.5	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	552	608

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.8	14.0
Children older than 12 at entry	87.2	86.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	109	121

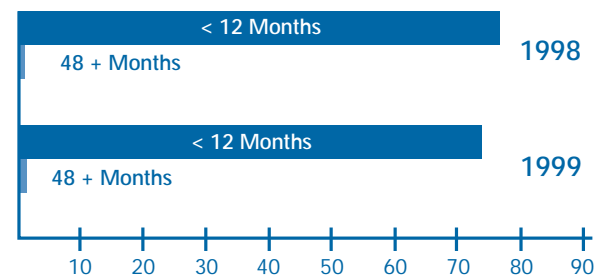
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	4.1	4.1	15.0	—	16.7	12.0	14.6	20.5
Guardianship	25.6	38.4	10.0	27.8	27.4	31.0	18.2	29.1
Reunification	62.8	49.3	65.0	66.7	46.4	51.0	61.7	46.3
Other	6.6	6.8	10.0	5.6	9.5	5.0	5.5	3.9
Missing	0.8	1.4	—	—	—	1.0	—	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	121	73	20	18	84	100	308	361

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	15.4	16.3	7.2	9.7	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	23.0	26.0	16.9	33.0	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	50.8	46.8	71.1	51.5	N/A	—	—	—
Other	10.0	10.4	3.6	5.3	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.5	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	1,340	1,574	83	206	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

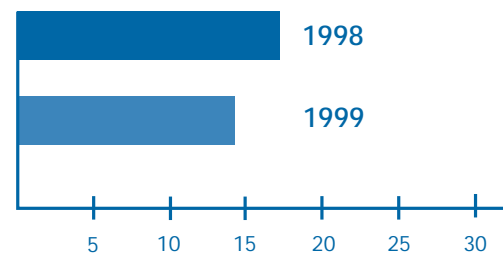
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	76.6	73.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.6	16.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.4	4.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	1.2
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.5
Missing	2.2	1.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,058	1,109

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	69.6	75.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.3	14.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.6	7.8
Missing	4.5	2.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,196	2,383

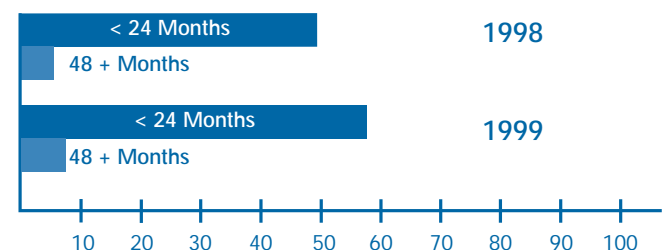
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	12.9	15.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	36.2	42.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	33.0	25.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	12.2	9.3
48 or more mos.	5.7	7.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	279	366

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

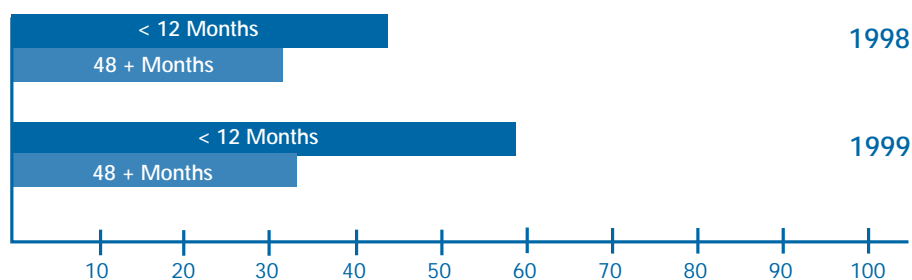


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	43.7	56.3	—	100.0	2,449
	1999	58.9	41.1	—	100.0	2,674
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	22.5	77.5	—	100.0	1,003
	1999	24.7	75.3	—	100.0	904
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	24.4	75.6	—	100.0	446
	1999	28.9	71.1	—	100.0	494
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	33.6	66.4	—	100.0	229
	1999	28.6	71.4	—	100.0	199
48 or more mos.	1998	31.6	68.4	—	100.0	247
	1999	33.2	66.8	—	100.0	280
Missing	1998	82.0	18.0	—	100.0	50
	1999	90.7	9.3	—	100.0	54

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	19.6	25.0
Institutions	0.3	0.4
Other settings	80.0	74.4
Missing	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,318	1,600

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With respect to Section B: Maltreatment Type of Child Victims, in October 1997 Utah Division of Child and Family Services started tracking domestic violence related abuse as a distinct allegation subcategory of emotional abuse. In 1998, it became one of the most substantiated allegations investigated by DCFS, resulting in an increase in the percentage of emotional abuse from 2.9 percent in 1997 to 40.3 percent in 1998.

With regard to outcome measure 3.1, exits from foster care, Utah has a closure reason of discharge to relative/guardian. Prior to the year 2000 submissions, this category was mapped to guardianship in AFCARS. Upon determining that most of these cases were relative placements, Utah changed the mapping to reunification to be consistent with AFCARS. This change should be reflected in the data in the 2000 report.

The data for measure 6.1 may be inflated because Utah counts every placement a child has, no matter how short.

This includes the initial shelter placement, runaway episodes, detention, and hospital placements. Representatives from other states have indicated that they do not count all of these as placement changes. Utah is planning to conduct a broader study to determine how states are defining and measuring placements in order to determine if we should re-evaluate our methods of tracking placements.

With regard to the number of most recent placement settings for measure 7.1, we reviewed our mapping and determined that many placement settings were incorrectly mapped to group homes. This error has been remedied and should be reflected in the 2000 report.

Utah completes an annual outcome measures report with data from our SACWIS system that includes these measures as well as many others in the areas of safety, permanency, and well being. This report is available on our web site at www.hsdcs.state.ut.us.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	141,347	139,346	Child maltreatment victims	887	1,080
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	1,316	1,445
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	118	139
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	1.0			
Black	0.5	0.5			
Hispanic	0.9	0.9			
White	97.3	97.3			
% Child population in poverty	13.6	12.5			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	26.8	28.5			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	1,973	2,470	14.0 per 1,000	17.7 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	887	1,080	6.3 per 1,000	7.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	4	— per 100,000	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.8	4.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.1
1-5 years	21.6	25.1	Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0	0.6
6-10 years	34.0	31.6	Black	0.7	0.6
11-15 years	30.7	29.0	Hispanic	0.1	0.6
16+ years	8.2	10.1	White	98.1	97.9
Unknown	1.6	0.1	Other	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.2	0.1
Number	887	1,080	Total % ²	100.1	100.6
			Number	887	1,080

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.1	0.9
Medical neglect	2.7	1.9
Neglect	36.8	43.7
Physical abuse	26.5	22.0
Sexual abuse	41.8	40.4
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	108.9	108.9
Number	887	1,080

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	1,188	783	655	1,316	1,971
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	1,417	750	722	1,445	2,167
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	20.9	N/A	13.7	17.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	20.5	N/A	16.0	19.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	1.9	2.1	5.5	7.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.3
1-5 years	12.8	13.1	14.3	14.5	15.3	16.2	12.4	12.4
6-10 years	14.6	16.6	15.6	16.3	11.9	14.8	15.6	15.4
11-15 years	40.9	39.6	50.2	49.9	30.4	27.3	39.4	42.2
16-18 years	29.2	28.5	14.4	12.1	38.3	37.5	30.2	27.6
19+ years	0.7	0.1	—	—	3.1	2.1	0.2	0.1
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,188	1,417	783	750	655	722	1,316	1,445

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.3	0.2	—	0.1	0.2	—	0.2	0.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Black	1.9	2.2	1.3	1.3	0.9	2.4	2.0	1.7
Hispanic	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6
White	96.1	96.3	96.9	97.1	96.8	96.0	96.3	96.8
Unknown	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.3
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1,188	1,417	783	750	655	722	1,316	1,445

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	215	403
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	159	351

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.3	3.7
1-5 years	27.9	28.3
6-10 years	26.0	29.3
11-15 years	33.5	32.0
16+ years	8.4	6.2
Unknown	0.9	0.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	215	403

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	1.9	2.0
Hispanic	0.9	1.2
White	96.3	95.8
Unknown	0.9	0.7
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	215	403

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.7	0.7
1-5 years	49.2	43.2
6-10 years	38.1	38.8
11-15 years	10.2	15.8
16+ years	0.8	1.4
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	118	139

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	1.7	4.3
Hispanic	—	—
White	98.3	95.7
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	118	139

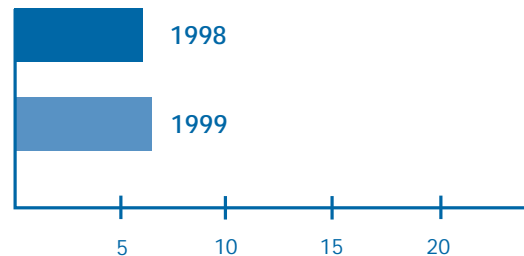
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	93.9	93.4
Children with one or more recurrences	6.1	6.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	495	547

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

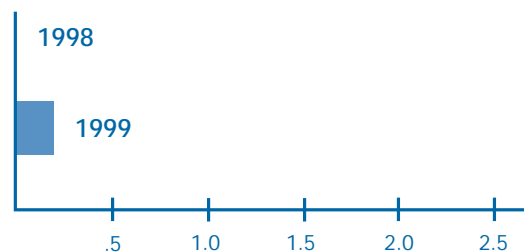


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.2
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.0	99.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,808	1,832

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

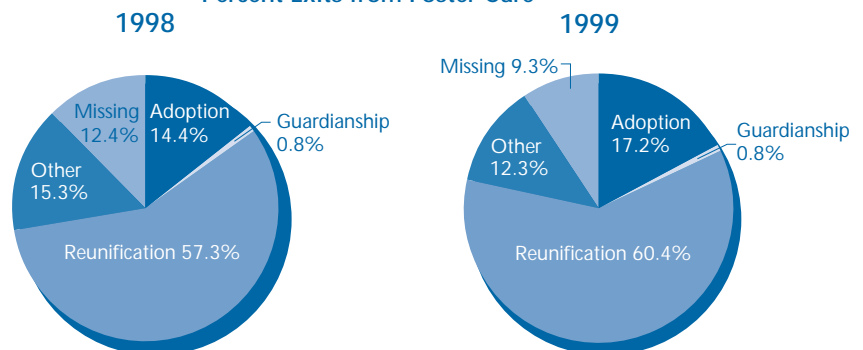


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	14.4	17.2
Guardianship	0.8	0.8
Reunification	57.3	60.4
Other	15.3	12.3
Missing	12.4	9.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	655	722

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	11.1	5.9
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	16.7	35.3
Other	50.0	41.2
Missing	22.2	17.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	18	17

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.3	—
Guardianship	0.3	0.5
Reunification	61.1	67.6
Other	22.4	17.9
Missing	15.9	14.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	370	364

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.0	28.1
Children older than 12 at entry	83.0	71.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	53	57

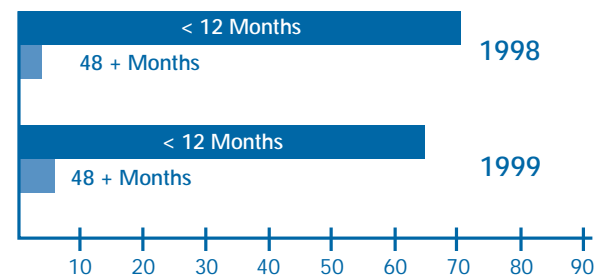
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	28.6	—	16.7	23.5	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	—	—	71.4	100.0	50.0	70.6	100.0	66.7
Other	—	—	—	—	33.3	5.9	—	33.3
Missing	100.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1	—	7	3	6	17	3	3

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	14.2	17.3	25.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.8	0.9	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	57.3	59.6	25.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	15.1	12.6	50.0	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	12.6	9.7	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	634	693	4	6	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

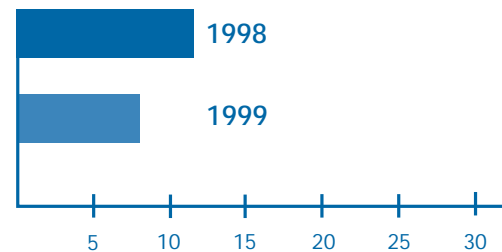
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	70.4	64.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.1	16.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.3	7.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.3	5.0
48 or more mos.	4.0	6.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	375	436

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	77.1	82.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.7	8.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.3	9.1
Missing	4.9	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	783	750

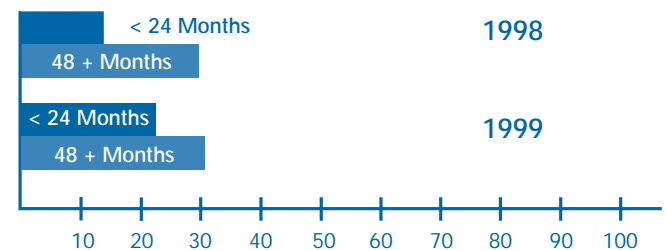
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	4.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.8	17.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	24.5	30.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	31.9	16.1
48 or more mos.	29.8	30.6
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	94	124

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

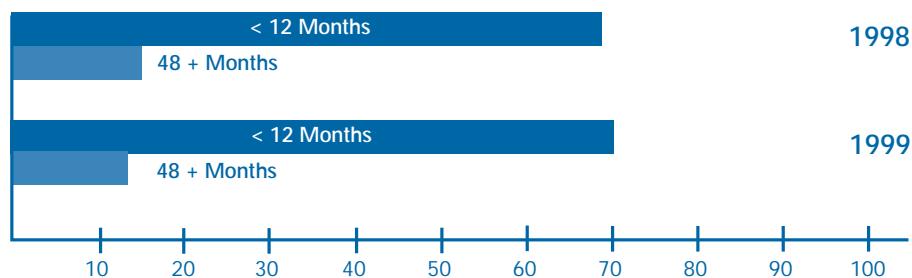


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	68.5	31.5	—	100.0	829
	1999	70.0	30.0	—	100.0	839
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	31.8	68.2	—	100.0	371
	1999	35.8	64.2	—	100.0	433
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	25.8	74.2	—	100.0	275
	1999	30.3	69.7	—	100.0	297
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	20.7	79.3	—	100.0	184
	1999	27.5	72.5	—	100.0	211
48 or more mos.	1998	15.2	84.8	—	100.0	309
	1999	13.6	86.4	—	100.0	383
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	3
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	4

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	5.6	9.2
Institutions	1.5	1.7
Other settings	92.9	89.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	340	359

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[STATE COMMENTS]

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,644,678	1,664,810	Child maltreatment victims	9,766	8,199
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	7,213	7,264
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.2	Children adopted	235	326
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.0	4.1			
Black	23.0	23.1			
Hispanic	4.9	5.1			
White	67.9	67.5			
% Child population in poverty	18.8	10.9			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	77.8	81.8			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	49,026	53,837	29.8 per 1,000	32.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	9,766	8,199	5.9 per 1,000	4.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	36	1.8 per 100,000	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	7.1	3.9	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1
1-5 years	30.3	30.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	1.1
6-10 years	32.8	31.8	Black	39.4	39.3
11-15 years	23.9	24.7	Hispanic	4.6	3.1
16+ years	5.9	8.4	White	51.3	51.6
Unknown	—	0.9	Other	3.7	2.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	0.1	5.3
Number	9,766	8,199	Total % ²	100.0	103.1
			Number	9,766	8,199

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	4.1	3.4
Medical neglect	2.6	1.0
Neglect	65.4	64.7
Physical abuse	28.1	31.1
Sexual abuse	16.2	14.4
Other	1.0	—
Unknown	—	0.1
Total % ³	117.4	114.6
Number	9,766	8,199

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	5,916	2,639	1,354	7,213	8,555
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	6,674	2,776	2,200	7,264	9,450
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	26.2	N/A	11.9	25.5	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	25.2	N/A	13.1	25.6	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.1	2.1	10.5	11.2	3.6	4.1	2.2	2.2
1-5 years	20.4	18.8	22.4	21.9	24.9	24.2	19.1	17.2
6-10 years	23.0	22.4	21.2	21.0	20.8	21.3	22.4	22.1
11-15 years	32.9	32.5	33.7	33.9	24.7	21.4	31.2	32.0
16-18 years	19.7	21.5	12.1	11.8	23.0	24.5	21.8	22.7
19+ years	1.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.7	3.9	3.1	3.6
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,916	6,674	2,639	2,776	1,354	2,200	7,213	7,264

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.8
Black	54.2	54.1	44.5	45.5	41.2	44.8	53.1	53.6
Hispanic	3.6	3.1	3.8	5.6	4.2	5.2	3.6	3.5
White	40.9	40.8	49.7	46.6	53.2	48.3	41.8	40.8
Unknown	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
Not applicable	—	0.5	—	0.6	—	0.2	—	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	5,894	6,674	2,628	2,776	1,353	2,200	7,181	7,264

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	2,167	2,132
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	904	697

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	4.0	3.4
1-5 years	39.7	34.1
6-10 years	40.0	41.1
11-15 years	15.2	19.7
16+ years	0.8	1.1
Unknown	0.3	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,167	2,132

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.4
Black	54.4	54.9
Hispanic	4.1	3.9
White	39.5	39.2
Unknown	0.7	0.7
Not applicable	0.6	0.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,167	2,132

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.4	1.5
1-5 years	34.9	45.7
6-10 years	47.7	37.4
11-15 years	15.7	15.3
16+ years	1.3	—
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	235	326

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.4	1.8
Black	43.8	45.1
Hispanic	4.7	5.8
White	49.4	45.4
Unknown	1.7	0.3
Not applicable	—	1.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	235	326

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

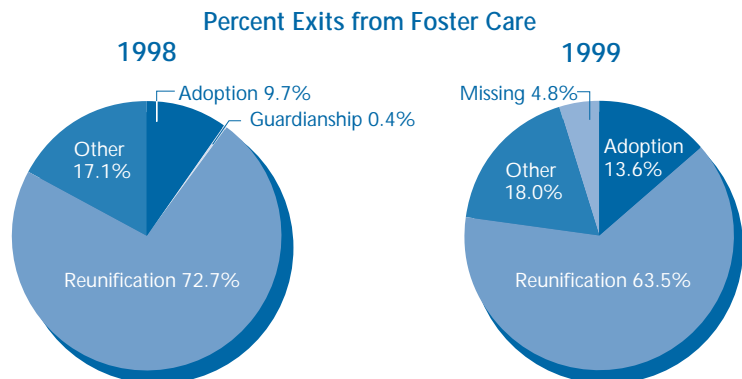
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	9.7	13.6
Guardianship	0.4	0.0
Reunification	72.7	63.5
Other	17.1	18.0
Missing	—	4.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,354	2,200



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	16.5	15.3
Guardianship	0.4	0.2
Reunification	60.9	57.8
Other	22.2	21.7
Missing	—	4.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	243	405

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.2	0.6
Guardianship	0.2	—
Reunification	61.8	53.2
Other	37.8	39.6
Missing	—	6.7
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	434	718

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	36.6	30.3
Children older than 12 at entry	63.4	69.3
Missing	—	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	134	277

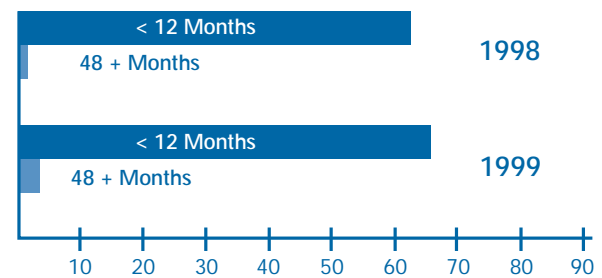
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	15.4	10.4	13.6	—	12.2
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	0.5	0.1	—	—
Reunification	100.0	100.0	63.6	69.2	68.6	61.2	86.0	60.0
Other	—	—	36.4	15.4	20.5	21.0	14.0	20.0
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	4.2	—	7.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1	1	11	13	557	986	57	115

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	10.3	13.7	—	16.7	N/A	40.0	—	—
Guardianship	0.3	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	74.9	65.8	85.7	72.2	N/A	60.0	100.0	—
Other	14.6	15.3	14.3	11.1	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	5.2	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
Number	720	1,062	7	18	N/A	5	1	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

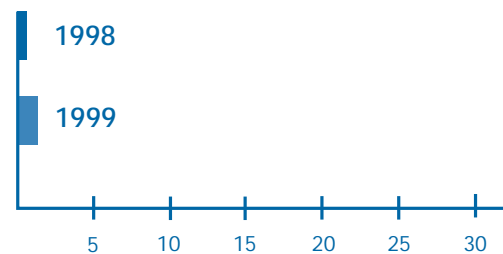
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	62.4	65.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.2	20.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.6	7.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.6	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.7	3.7
Missing	1.4	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	985	1,397

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	97.9	97.1
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	0.5	1.5
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	—	0.2
Missing	1.6	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,639	2,776

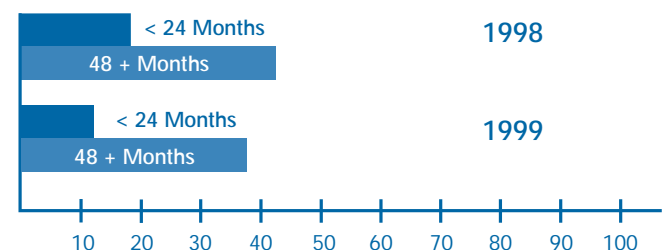
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	4.5	2.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.6	9.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	19.7	24.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	19.7	26.3
48 or more mos.	42.4	37.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	132	300

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

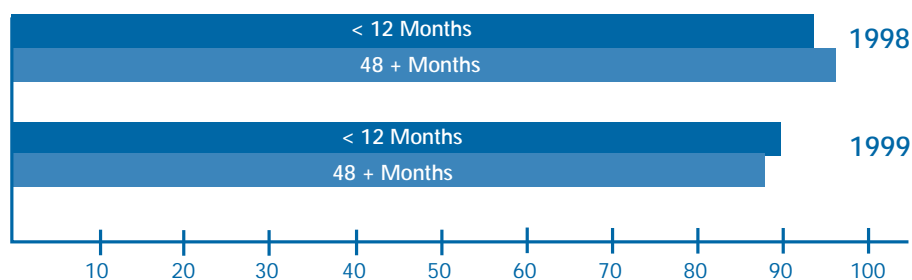


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	93.1	6.9	—	100.0	2,851
	1999	89.2	10.8	—	100.0	3,080
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	90.9	9.1	—	100.0	1,529
	1999	75.8	24.2	—	100.0	1,846
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	92.2	7.8	—	100.0	1,089
	1999	78.5	21.5	—	100.0	1,163
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	94.5	5.5	—	100.0	880
	1999	80.8	19.2	—	100.0	844
48 or more mos.	1998	95.9	4.1	—	100.0	2,192
	1999	87.7	12.3	—	100.0	2,503
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	14
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	14

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	6.6	6.3
Institutions	0.2	0.1
Other settings	93.0	93.4
Missing	0.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,632	1,761

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With regard to the data for outcome measures 1.1 and 2.1, Virginia has recently merged data from an old computerized system into our new SACWIS system. Data that are currently available for these outcome measures are not valid. This situation should be corrected in late 2001.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,472,490	1,486,340	Child maltreatment victims	12,926	8,039
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	8,872	8,688
Alaska Native/American Indian	2.0	2.0	Children adopted	878	1,047
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.5	6.8			
Black	3.8	3.9			
Hispanic	9.7	10.1			
White	77.9	77.2			
% Child population in poverty	15.0	10.7			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	76.5	77.0			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	47,281	53,060	32.1 per 1,000	35.7 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	12,926	8,039	8.8 per 1,000	5.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	6	0.5 per 100,000	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	12.7	12.0	Alaska Native/American Indian	7.0	9.1
1-5 years	31.2	32.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	2.4	2.6
6-10 years	32.0	30.5	Black	9.5	10.5
11-15 years	20.5	20.6	Hispanic	8.3	12.8
16+ years	3.7	4.1	White	71.3	75.0
Unknown	0.0	0.4	Other	0.6	2.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	1.0	5.9
Number	12,926	8,039	Total % ²	100.0	118.4
			Number	12,926	8,039

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	9.8	10.9
Medical neglect	4.9	6.6
Neglect	65.4	70.8
Physical abuse	29.9	27.1
Sexual abuse	11.2	9.0
Other	1.3	2.3
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	122.4	126.8
Number	12,926	8,039

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	8,454	7,541	7,123	8,872	15,995
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,695	7,369	7,376	8,688	16,064

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	18.9	N/A	2.9	16.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	17.0	N/A	5.1	16.5	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	5.4	5.5	12.5	14.3	5.0	5.3	5.6	6.3
1-5 years	32.7	32.1	24.1	24.8	24.8	26.7	32.2	31.8
6-10 years	26.0	26.8	20.7	20.3	21.4	21.4	26.6	26.5
11-15 years	23.2	23.9	32.1	30.1	30.7	28.9	24.1	24.7
16-18 years	11.6	11.1	10.5	10.4	16.8	16.8	11.0	10.4
19+ years	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.2
Missing	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	8,454	8,695	7,541	7,369	7,123	7,376	8,872	8,688

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	8.7	8.8	9.6	8.7	8.9	8.6	9.3	8.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.1
Black	16.6	14.8	11.7	9.4	12.6	10.5	15.7	13.9
Hispanic	9.7	10.3	11.5	12.8	10.3	11.0	10.8	11.8
White	62.8	58.7	64.4	60.8	65.1	62.2	62.3	57.6
Unknown	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.6
Not applicable	—	5.5	—	5.5	—	4.8	—	6.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	7,979	8,695	7,125	7,369	6,731	7,376	8,373	8,688

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	4,131	3,720
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	3,911	3,368

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	8.3	7.3
1-5 years	45.6	44.6
6-10 years	31.4	31.1
11-15 years	12.1	14.4
16+ years	2.3	2.4
Unknown	0.2	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,131	3,720

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	5.1	4.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8	0.9
Black	16.6	16.9
Hispanic	11.1	11.6
White	59.5	58.8
Unknown	0.6	0.6
Not applicable	6.2	6.3
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,131	3,720

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.3	1.6
1-5 years	56.2	57.6
6-10 years	33.8	31.6
11-15 years	8.1	8.2
16+ years	0.7	1.0
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	878	1,047

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	2.3	2.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.3
Black	8.2	5.4
Hispanic	9.0	10.8
White	32.9	36.5
Unknown	44.0	41.7
Not applicable	3.1	3.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	878	1,047

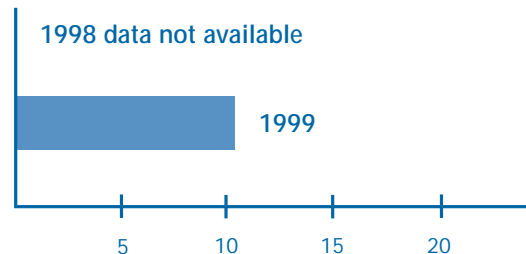
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	89.6
Children with one or more recurrences	—	10.4
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	3,378

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

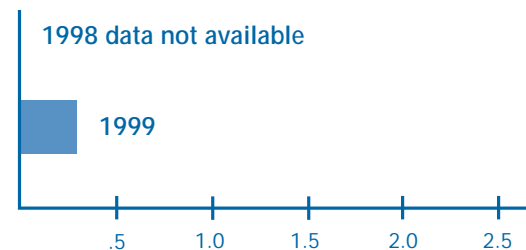


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.3
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	99.7
Total %	—	100.0
Number	—	15,499

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

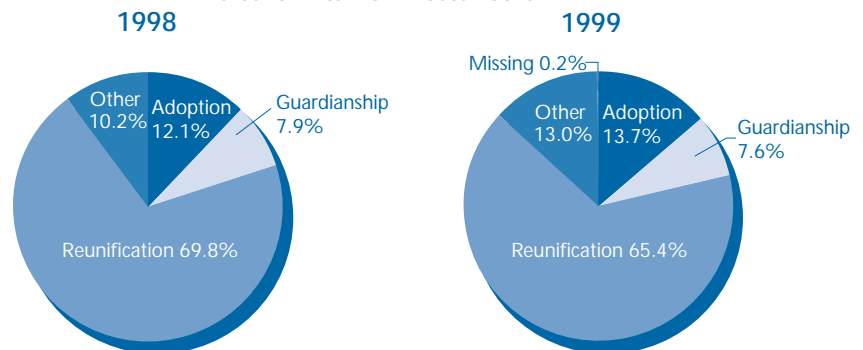


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	12.1	13.7
Guardianship	7.9	7.6
Reunification	69.8	65.4
Other	10.2	13.0
Missing	0.0	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,123	7,376

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	—	—
Other	—	—
Missing	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.1	0.1
Guardianship	2.2	3.3
Reunification	82.9	76.4
Other	14.9	19.9
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,475	2,372

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.6	29.4
Children older than 12 at entry	68.4	70.4
Missing	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	405	405

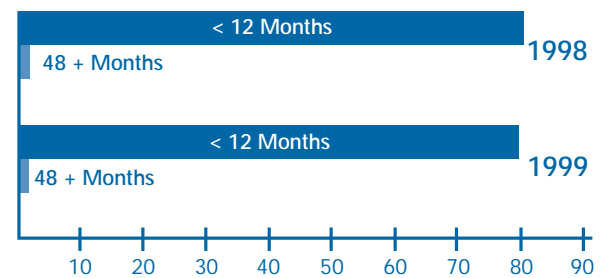
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	4.9	7.1	8.0	3.0	14.2	14.5	11.7	13.5
Guardianship	9.7	9.0	8.0	10.5	14.6	16.6	7.8	6.6
Reunification	62.9	51.3	76.0	69.9	62.7	56.7	73.6	69.0
Other	22.5	32.5	8.0	16.5	8.5	12.0	6.9	10.8
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	596	633	125	133	847	772	692	815

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	13.0	14.9	6.8	8.2	N/A	13.9	12.5	—
Guardianship	6.4	6.3	8.0	2.4	N/A	5.7	7.4	—
Reunification	71.0	67.5	78.4	77.6	N/A	69.9	71.4	—
Other	9.7	11.1	6.8	11.8	N/A	10.2	8.7	—
Missing	0.0	0.2	—	—	N/A	0.3	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	100.0	100.0	—
Number	4,383	4,586	88	85	N/A	352	392	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

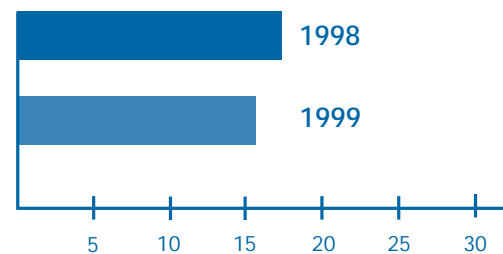
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	80.6	79.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	7.2	9.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.5	3.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.5
48 or more mos.	2.0	1.8
Missing	5.3	4.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,969	4,826

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	68.3	67.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	17.3	15.6
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.4	9.6
Missing	3.9	7.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	7,541	7,369

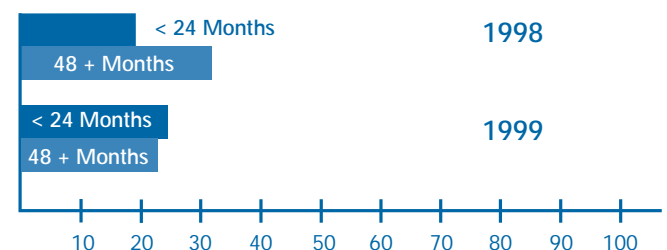
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	2.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.3	22.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	23.9	28.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	25.2	24.6
48 or more mos.	31.9	22.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	865	1,012

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

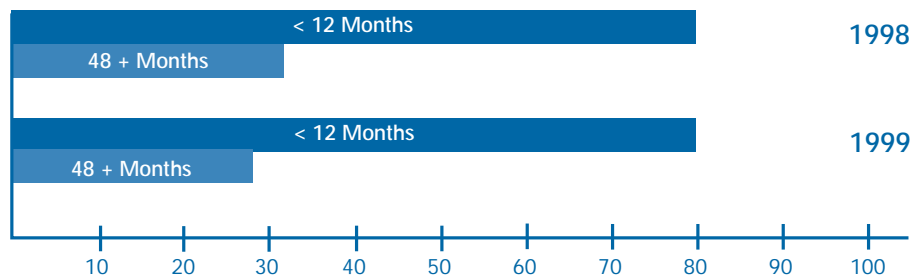


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	79.6	19.7	0.7	100.0	7,691
	1999	79.5	20.1	0.4	100.0	7,736
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	53.6	46.2	0.2	100.0	2,840
	1999	54.8	45.0	0.2	100.0	3,044
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	45.4	54.6	0.1	100.0	1,791
	1999	44.9	55.1	—	100.0	1,877
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	34.1	65.8	0.1	100.0	1,249
	1999	35.3	64.7	—	100.0	1,108
48 or more mos.	1998	31.7	68.0	0.3	100.0	2,038
	1999	27.9	71.7	0.4	100.0	1,931
Missing	1998	91.2	7.8	1.0	100.0	386
	1999	92.1	6.5	1.4	100.0	368

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	1.3	1.3
Institutions	1.7	1.3
Other settings	96.8	97.0
Missing	0.3	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,795	3,890

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Washington State continues to focus efforts on achieving permanency for children in out-of-home care. We placed more children into permanent homes this year than last year and finalized more adoptions for children than ever before. We also focused on achieving permanency for children in the shortest time possible, evidenced by a 21 percent decline in the median length of stay since 1997, and a 16 percent decline in children placed for more than two years.

This federal effort will help us to evaluate our performance in comparison to other states, but some unique characteristics of Washington's child welfare system make this comparison difficult. Because the scope of this report does not permit clarification of laws and policies that may influence the data, some of the results presented may be misleading. Washington reports placements of all children entering out-of-home care, including children placed by police for less than 72 hours, placements with unpaid

relatives, and voluntary placements. For this reason, approximately 30 percent of the children who are placed return home within 30 days. Washington's inclusion of these short-term placements impacts our placement and re-entry rates. The documentation of multiple victims and multiple findings on each referral may produce an inflated recurrence rate when compared to systems that do not record information this way.

The Governor and legislature of Washington State are committed to managing by outcomes, and we have been tracking performance on select outcomes for several years. State indicators of performance show that the percent of families with multiple referrals to Child Protective Services is declining as well as the child and family recurrence rate. We look forward to the evolving use of outcomes to manage the child welfare system and using them to improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total Children Under 18 Years	404,254	403,481	Child maltreatment victims	7,791	8,609
Race/Ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	3,082	3,169
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.1	0.1	Children adopted	211	312
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6	0.5			
Black	3.8	3.5			
Hispanic	0.8	0.7			
White	94.7	95.1			
% Child population in poverty	23.7	22.6			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	48.5	51.1			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	33,601	36,142	83.1 per 1,000	89.6 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	7,791	8,609	19.3 per 1,000	21.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	1	0.2 per 100,000	0.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.6	3.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	0.2	0.1
1-5 years	27.4	25.2	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1
6-10 years	27.7	28.2	Black	5.6	5.1
11-15 years	22.3	23.2	Hispanic	1.1	0.6
16+ years	7.6	7.8	White	86.2	84.0
Unknown	11.3	12.3	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	7.9	10.7
Number	7,791	8,609	Total % ²	101.1	100.6
			Number	7,791	8,609

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	8.4	9.9
Medical neglect	1.4	1.4
Neglect	43.3	43.8
Physical abuse	27.1	25.1
Sexual abuse	10.2	8.6
Other	14.3	18.7
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	104.7	107.7
Number	7,791	8,609

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	2,838	2,011	1,767	3,082	4,849
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	2,989	2,151	1,973	3,169	5,140

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	17.3	N/A	8.7	16.8	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	17.8	N/A	9.1	16.3	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.6	2.6	7.8	7.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8
1-5 years	16.1	16.9	16.6	17.4	13.0	17.5	17.5	16.4
6-10 years	19.7	20.6	16.2	16.5	12.5	15.4	21.0	20.5
11-15 years	33.1	32.6	37.4	37.8	27.3	26.3	32.2	33.5
16-18 years	26.5	25.5	21.7	20.3	40.5	35.0	24.5	24.7
19+ years	2.0	1.8	0.1	0.1	3.7	2.9	1.8	2.0
Missing	—	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,838	2,989	2,011	2,151	1,767	1,973	3,082	3,169

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—	0.0	—	0.1	—	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	11.8	12.5	11.3	8.0	11.3	9.5	11.7	11.4
Hispanic	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.9
White	85.7	85.3	85.0	86.1	85.2	86.9	85.5	84.9
Unknown	1.0	0.9	2.8	5.0	2.2	2.7	1.5	2.5
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	2,838	2,989	2,011	2,151	1,767	1,973	3,082	3,169

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	843	779
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	13	12

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.7	3.6
1-5 years	33.5	30.8
6-10 years	39.7	40.9
11-15 years	20.8	22.5
16+ years	2.1	1.8
Unknown	0.2	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	843	779

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	0.1
Black	14.6	15.7
Hispanic	1.4	1.3
White	83.4	81.9
Unknown	0.6	0.6
Not applicable	—	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	843	779

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.9	1.0
1-5 years	45.0	42.9
6-10 years	37.9	39.7
11-15 years	13.3	14.4
16+ years	2.8	1.9
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	211	312

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.4	—
Black	10.0	9.3
Hispanic	1.4	0.6
White	83.4	86.9
Unknown	3.8	3.2
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	211	312

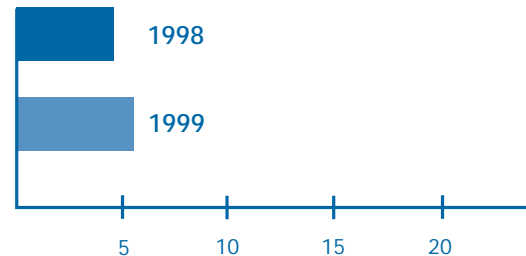
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1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	95.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	5.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,325	2,500

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences



2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

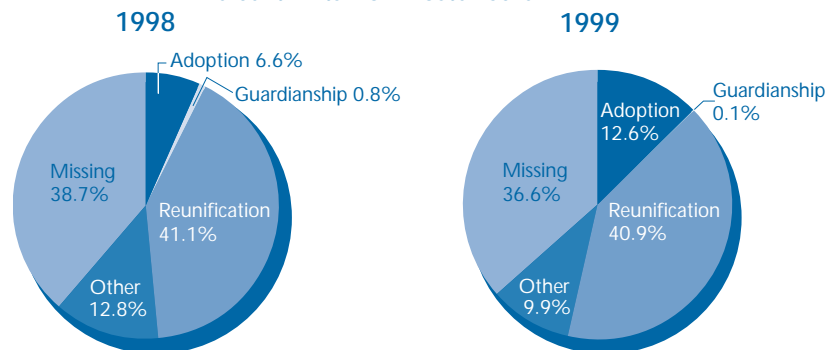
	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	6.6	12.6
Guardianship	0.8	0.1
Reunification	41.1	40.9
Other	12.8	9.9
Missing	38.7	36.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,767	1,973

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	2.8	9.7
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	34.8	29.9
Other	16.9	16.9
Missing	45.5	43.5
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	431	154

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	0.1
Guardianship	0.1	0.1
Reunification	39.2	38.4
Other	18.5	15.4
Missing	42.2	46.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,041	983

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	8.2	29.1
Children older than 12 at entry	90.4	70.9
Missing	1.4	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	73	79

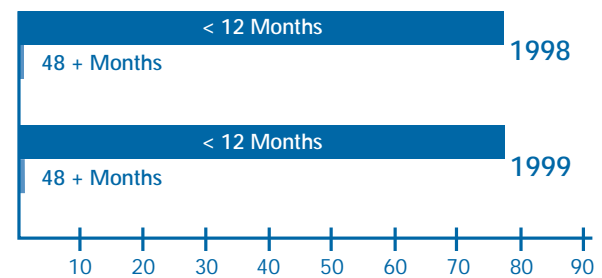
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—	—	—	6.5	12.3	5.0	13.3
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	1.0	0.5	—	—
Reunification	100.0	—	—	—	36.0	40.1	35.0	53.3
Other	—	—	—	—	14.5	14.4	10.0	13.3
Missing	—	—	100.0	100.0	42.0	32.6	50.0	20.0
Total %	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	1	—	2	3	200	187	20	15

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	6.7	13.0	3.7	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	0.8	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	41.5	40.3	63.0	64.7	N/A	—	45.5	62.2
Other	12.8	9.6	7.4	5.9	N/A	—	—	2.7
Missing	38.2	37.2	25.9	29.4	N/A	—	54.5	35.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	100.0	100.0
Number	1,506	1,714	27	17	N/A	—	11	37

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

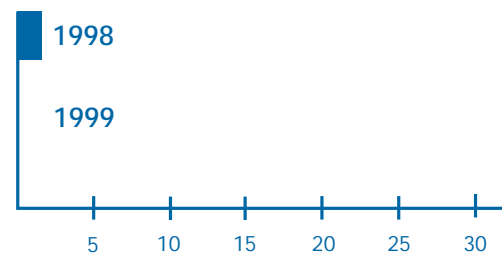
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	77.2	77.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.2	16.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.4	4.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	1.1
48 or more mos.	0.7	1.2
Missing	0.1	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	727	807

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	97.4	99.9
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.8	0.0
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.0	—
Missing	0.8	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,011	2,151

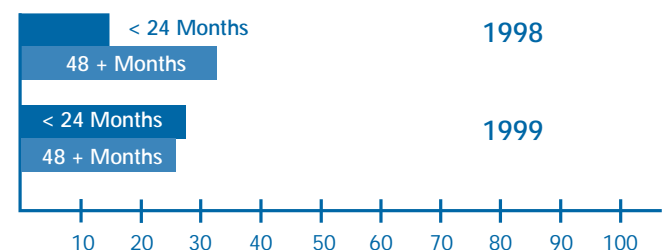
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	3.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.8	24.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	28.4	29.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	24.1	17.7
48 or more mos.	32.8	25.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	116	248

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

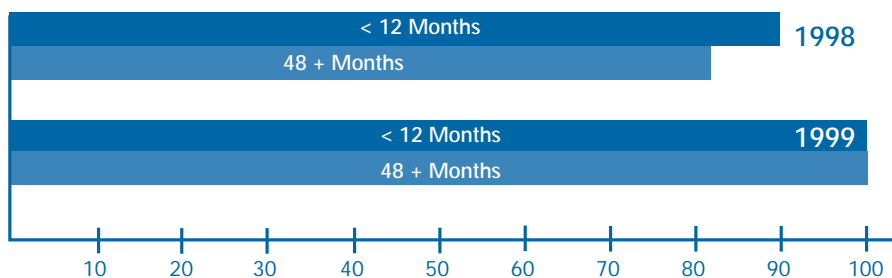


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	89.4	10.6	—	100.0	2,306
	1999	99.8	0.2	—	100.0	2,518
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	85.9	14.1	—	100.0	944
	1999	99.6	0.4	—	100.0	902
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	83.0	17.0	—	100.0	499
	1999	99.6	0.4	—	100.0	553
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	86.9	13.1	—	100.0	312
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	366
48 or more mos.	1998	81.6	18.4	—	100.0	773
	1999	99.9	0.1	—	100.0	792
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	15
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	9

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	4.8	4.3
Institutions	1.5	3.1
Other settings	80.7	77.4
Missing	13.0	15.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	870	967

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Regarding West Virginia's data for calendar year 1999 obtained from the NCANDS submission, there appears to be one error in the data and another area that needs clarification. In Section B, Child Maltreatment Data, the data pages show that 36,142 were the subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment. The number that is shown on the NCANDS Summary Report for 1999 from West Virginia was 35,902. For outcome 2.1, there are no data for children maltreated while in foster care. However, the NCANDS Summary Report for 1998, Item 6-1, shows that 26 children were maltreated by foster parents in 1998 and that 36 children were maltreated by foster parents and 5 children maltreated by residential facility staff in 1999.

The data regarding Children Whose Parents' Rights Have Been Terminated (Section D) appear to be very low; however, the elements used to define this category are very limiting since they only include children with a termination of both parents' rights and a permanency plan of adoption.

The data in Section E indicate that 312 children were adopted in FY 1999. However, as shown in outcome measure 3.1 and 5.1, only 248 (12.6%) of the exits from foster care in FY1999 were reported as discharges to

adoption. This discrepancy is due to the fact that West Virginia permits the selection and documentation of other exit reason values in addition to those contained in AFCARS. For example, a child may exit care for adoption by a relative and "Placed with Relatives" is selected rather than "Adoption." Therefore, the numbers reported in the AFCARS Foster Care Database will not be consistent with the AFCARS Adoption Database.

With respect to Outcome 3 - Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care, the reasons for children exiting foster care are very restrictive. As a result, the measures have a very high level of "missing" data. In addition to adoption, guardianship, and reunification, West Virginia includes the following discharge reasons for an AFCARS submission: 1) Living with other relative(s); 2) Emancipation; 3) Transfer to another agency; 4) Runaway; and 5) Death of a Child. In addition to those listed above, West Virginia permits the documentation of additional exit values such as: Placement with Siblings, Youth Voluntarily Left Placement - Independence Not Achieved, or Transferred to Adult Status. If one of the additional values is selected, the AFCARS submission reports those as "Not Applicable". It appears that "Not Applicable" is considered as "Missing data" for Outcome Measures 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	1,351,044	1,348,268	Child maltreatment victims	—	—
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	10,076	9,637
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.2	1.2	Children adopted	643	642
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.5	2.6			
Black	7.9	7.9			
Hispanic	4.0	4.2			
White	84.3	84.1			
% Child population in poverty	13.5	9.3			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	74.2	72.4			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	—	—	— per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	—	—	— per 1,000	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	—	—	— per 100,000	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—	Alaska Native/American Indian	—	—
1-5 years	—	—	Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
6-10 years	—	—	Black	—	—
11-15 years	—	—	Hispanic	—	—
16+ years	—	—	White	—	—
Unknown	—	—	Other	—	—
Total %	—	—	Unknown	—	—
Number	—	—	Total % ²	—	—
			Number	—	—

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	—	—
Medical neglect	—	—
Neglect	—	—
Physical abuse	—	—
Sexual abuse	—	—
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	—	—
Number	—	—

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	9,356	5,566	4,846	10,076	14,922
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	8,945	6,015	5,323	9,637	14,960

Median Length of Stay (Months)

FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	19.1	N/A	5.4	23.9	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	19.3	N/A	5.9	20.8	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.5	2.4	7.3	8.0	3.0	2.4	2.0	2.7
1-5 years	24.1	23.6	16.2	18.5	17.7	17.1	21.1	21.5
6-10 years	26.0	27.7	16.9	17.1	16.8	17.8	25.6	27.0
11-15 years	29.3	31.1	42.1	41.1	33.9	34.3	30.6	32.4
16-18 years	16.5	14.9	17.4	15.3	28.3	28.0	17.7	15.7
19+ years	1.5	0.2	—	0.1	0.4	0.5	2.5	0.5
Missing	0.2	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	0.6	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,356	8,945	5,566	6,015	4,846	5,323	10,076	9,637

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	3.3	3.4	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	3.4	3.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	1.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	2.6	1.5	1.2
Black	50.1	49.0	20.6	25.5	20.3	21.3	48.1	49.6
Hispanic	4.4	4.4	3.5	5.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	5.1
White	41.4	42.0	67.6	62.9	68.9	67.9	42.6	40.8
Unknown	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0
Not applicable	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	9,356	8,945	5,566	6,015	4,846	5,323	10,076	9,637

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview

	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	865	902
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	606	658

Age of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.7	3.0
1-5 years	31.1	26.9
6-10 years	35.4	35.4
11-15 years	24.2	27.1
16+ years	5.7	6.9
Unknown	2.0	0.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	865	902

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	7.1	6.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2	1.0
Black	33.3	34.7
Hispanic	3.7	3.9
White	55.7	53.7
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	865	902

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Under 1 year	0.6	2.3
1-5 years	42.8	41.0
6-10 years	37.6	40.0
11-15 years	16.0	13.6
16+ years	3.0	3.1
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	643	642

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

Alaska Native/American Indian	5.0	5.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	—
Black	47.6	41.7
Hispanic	5.0	6.1
White	42.1	47.2
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	643	642

⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	—	—
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

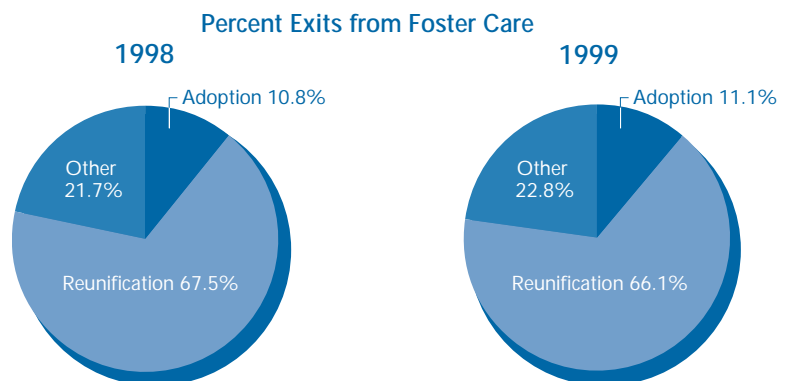
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—
Total %	—	—
Number	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	10.8	11.1
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	67.5	66.1
Other	21.7	22.8
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	4,846	5,323



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	23.7	24.0
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	51.7	51.3
Other	24.6	24.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,650	1,735

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	0.4	0.6
Guardianship	—	—
Reunification	64.9	63.6
Other	34.7	35.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,388	2,626

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	15.0
Children older than 12 at entry	83.6	85.0
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	268	274

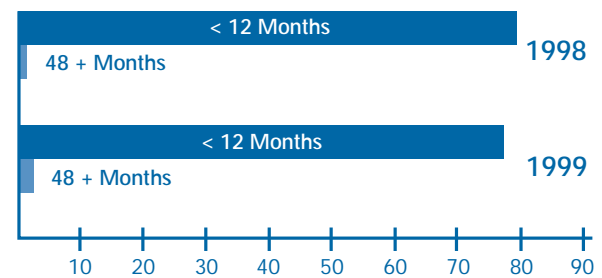
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	13.0	11.8	0.9	—	22.4	20.7	12.6	17.7
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reunification	62.5	65.4	76.8	73.9	58.5	57.6	67.9	60.1
Other	24.5	22.8	22.3	26.1	19.1	21.6	19.5	22.2
Missing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	253	237	112	138	982	1,133	159	203

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	7.5	8.0	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	70.3	68.9	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Other	22.3	23.1	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	—	—	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	—	—	N/A	—	—	—
Number	3,340	3,612	—	—	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

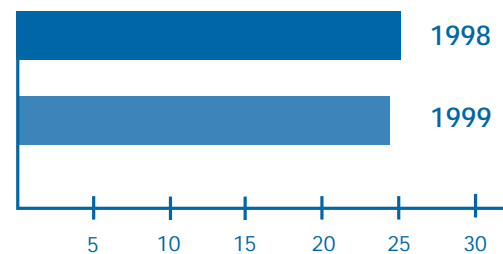
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	79.3	77.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.5	13.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	4.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.9
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.7
Missing	0.6	0.2
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	3,273	3,521

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	68.5	69.0
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	25.1	24.3
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.4	6.7
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	5,566	6,015

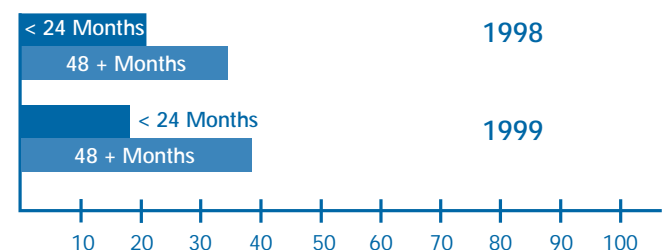
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	5.2	6.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	11.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	18.5	20.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	26.0	22.6
48 or more mos.	34.4	38.5
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	523	589

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

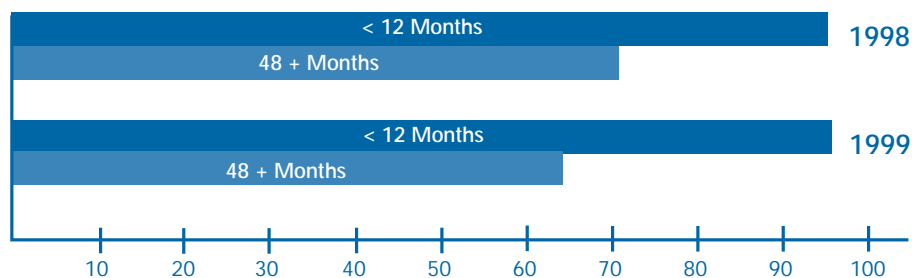


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	94.9	5.1	—	100.0	6,403
	1999	95.3	4.7	—	100.0	6,961
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	83.3	16.7	—	100.0	2,650
	1999	83.0	17.0	—	100.0	2,586
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	73.6	26.4	—	100.0	1,965
	1999	72.6	27.4	—	100.0	1,701
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	69.8	30.2	—	100.0	1,210
	1999	61.8	38.2	—	100.0	1,241
48 or more mos.	1998	70.3	29.6	0.1	100.0	2,649
	1999	64.0	36.0	0.0	100.0	2,432
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	45
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	39

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	5.2	5.0
Institutions	5.4	3.6
Other settings	89.4	91.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	2,725	3,042

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The Wisconsin child welfare program is primarily county operated except for the special needs adoption program and child welfare services in Milwaukee County, which are operated by DCFS. The state is implementing a SACWIS system, called WiSACWIS, first in Milwaukee during 2000 and then statewide starting in 2001. The data in this report are from legacy systems, and as are other states, we are working to improve the quality of our child welfare data. We offer the following insights to understanding of our state's data.

With respect to Child Maltreatment data, the scope of maltreatment reporting in Wisconsin includes caregivers and non-caregivers. The child maltreatment data shown for 1998 and 1999 is not complete due to the timing of the NCANDS data submission. The complete information for 1998 is 42,520 reports of maltreatment, 14,600 substantiated reports and 13 fatalities caused by maltreatment. The complete information for 1999 is 40,188 total reports, 11,937 substantiated reports, and 11 fatalities. The legacy system does not permit computation of recurrence of maltreatment. Wisconsin had 58 substantiated reports in 1998 and 49 substantiated reports in 1999 of maltreatment by out-of-home care providers.

A point that merits attention in the report is the timing of the due date for NCANDS reporting, which affects the 1998 and 1999 NCANDS data for Wisconsin. For Wisconsin, child abuse and neglect reports are submitted to the state by county agencies and processing and compilation of the child abuse and neglect data is done at

the state level. Due to the timing of NCANDS reporting being moved up, the processing of our child abuse and neglect data for the prior calendar year is not complete by the NCANDS report due date. Thus the NCANDS report has only partial data for the calendar year. While we are working with county agencies to accelerate child abuse and neglect reporting, this problem of having only partial data by the NCANDS report due date will continue to occur for Wisconsin until our WiSACWIS is rolled out statewide. The problem of partial NCANDS data is presumably a problem in other states as well.

For foster care, the reduction in caseload between FY 1998 and FY 1999 reflects DCFS managing program operations in Milwaukee County beginning January 1, 1998 and preparation during 1999 for WiSACWIS, which purged old case data for Milwaukee County. The population served includes children who were placed due to voluntary placement agreements, abuse or neglect, status offenses, and delinquent behaviors; thus, the "Other" reasons for exit include reaching age of majority and transfer to a correctional or mental health institution. Wisconsin uses guardianship, but data are not captured in the legacy system showing guardianship as an exit.

With regard to adoption, the data show the total number of finalized adoptions for children with special needs for whom the adoptive parents received Adoption Assistance. Most of the children had previously been in foster care and the remaining children were adopted from outside of the foster care system.

A. Key Context Statistics

General Population	1998	1999	Child Welfare	1998	1999
Total children under 18 years	129,406	126,807	Child maltreatment victims	807	1,221
Race/ethnicity (%)			Children in foster care on 9/30	883	852
Alaska Native/American Indian	3.0	3.1	Children adopted	33	44
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9	1.0			
Black	0.7	0.7			
Hispanic	8.3	8.5			
White	87.1	86.7			
% Child population in poverty	17.8	14.8			
% Child population living in metropolitan areas	38.4	32.9			

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1998 & 1999)

Maltreatment Information Overview	Number		Rate	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	2,209	3,331	17.1 per 1,000	26.3 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims ¹	807	1,221	6.2 per 1,000	9.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1	2.3 per 100,000	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	3.7	3.2	Alaska Native/American Indian	3.7	5.7
1-5 years	34.1	33.7	Asian/Pacific Islander	0.7	0.3
6-10 years	33.3	31.7	Black	1.0	1.8
11-15 years	21.6	22.0	Hispanic	6.1	6.6
16+ years	4.6	6.4	White	76.6	75.9
Unknown	2.7	2.9	Other	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	Unknown	11.9	16.2
Number	807	1,221	Total % ²	100.0	106.6
			Number	807	1,221

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	1998	1999
Emotional abuse	1.5	1.6
Medical neglect	1.7	1.8
Neglect	66.5	63.9
Physical abuse	25.9	29.4
Sexual abuse	11.2	9.0
Other	1.0	1.0
Unknown	—	—
Total % ³	107.8	106.6
Number	807	1,221

1 Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

2 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

3 Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Number of Children	In Care on 10/1	Entered Care	Exited Care	In Care on 9/30	Total Served
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	785	961	863	883	1,746
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	757	895	800	852	1,652
Median Length of Stay (Months)					
FY1998 (10/1/97-9/30/98)	10.7	N/A	3.1	11.0	N/A
FY1999 (10/1/98-9/30/99)	12.1	N/A	4.1	10.9	N/A

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care On:		Entered Care During:		Exited Care During:		In Care On:	
	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Under 1 year	2.0	1.8	5.3	5.4	3.1	3.1	1.7	1.8
1-5 years	19.4	20.5	19.8	16.5	18.8	21.3	19.5	15.1
6-10 years	20.5	20.6	13.3	16.9	13.1	15.8	19.9	20.4
11-15 years	36.7	36.9	42.6	43.0	36.3	32.5	37.8	40.3
16-18 years	20.8	19.9	18.8	18.2	27.6	27.0	20.8	21.5
19+ years	0.6	0.3	—	—	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.9
Missing	—	—	0.2	—	0.3	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	785	757	961	895	863	800	883	852

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)

	10/1/97	10/1/98	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1999	9/30/98	9/30/99
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	2.0	3.5	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.4	2.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Black	2.7	2.6	1.4	2.3	1.3	1.4	2.6	3.5
Hispanic	9.8	9.1	8.0	7.8	9.6	7.4	8.0	9.4
White	82.5	84.4	82.7	80.2	80.9	82.4	84.4	81.9
Unknown	2.5	1.5	4.2	5.9	4.8	5.6	2.2	2.2
Not applicable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	785	757	961	895	863	800	883	852

D. Children Waiting to Be Adopted on 9/30/1998 and 9/30/1999

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)⁴

Overview	9/30/98	9/30/99
Children waiting to be adopted	53	60
Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	7	12

Age of Waiting Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	1.9	3.3
1-5 years	26.4	26.7
6-10 years	37.7	40.0
11-15 years	28.3	26.7
16+ years	5.7	3.3
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	53	60

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)

	1998	1999
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.9	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	7.5	5.0
Hispanic	13.2	8.3
White	77.4	86.7
Unknown	—	—
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	53	60

E. Children Adopted

(AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

Age of Adopted Children (%)	1998	1999
Under 1 year	—	—
1-5 years	51.5	50.0
6-10 years	27.3	31.8
11-15 years	21.2	11.4
16+ years	—	6.8
Unknown	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	33	44

Race/Ethnicity of Adopted Children (%)

	1998	1999
Alaska Native/American Indian	6.1	2.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Black	3.0	11.4
Hispanic	12.1	9.1
White	72.7	70.5
Unknown	6.1	6.8
Not applicable	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	33	44

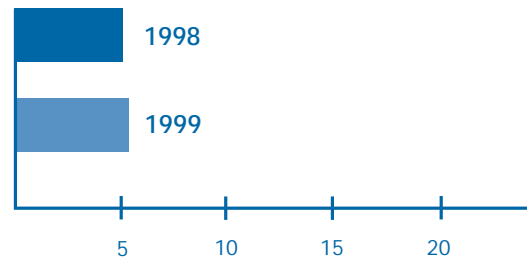
⁴ Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation, have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1998 & 1999)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	1998	1999
Children without a recurrence	94.9	94.6
Children with one or more recurrences	5.1	5.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	568	631

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

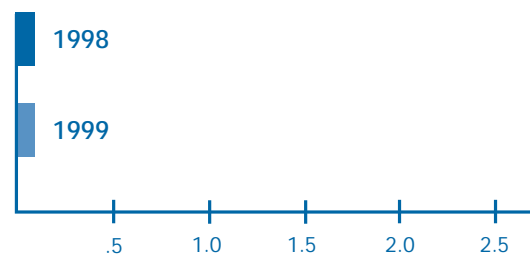


2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS, DCDC Jan-Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database Jan-Sept 1998 & 1999)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.1	0.1
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.9	99.9
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	1,556	1,482

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

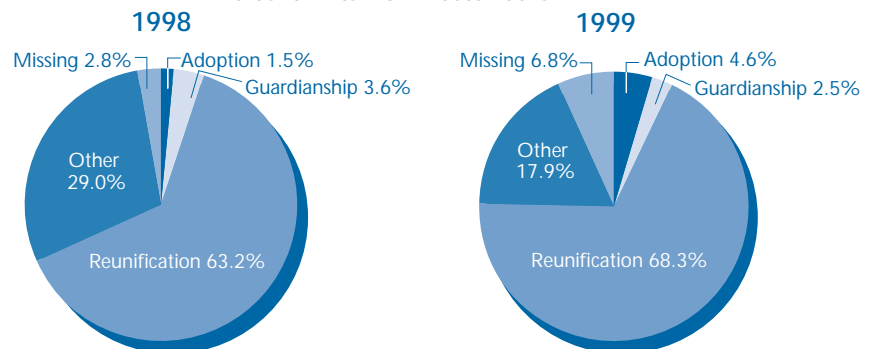


3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	1.5	4.6
Guardianship	3.6	2.5
Reunification	63.2	68.3
Other	29.0	17.9
Missing	2.8	6.8
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	863	800

Percent Exits from Foster Care



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	3.2	6.3
Guardianship	4.4	3.1
Reunification	60.8	62.8
Other	30.4	19.4
Missing	1.2	8.4
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	250	191

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	1998	1999
Adoption	—	—
Guardianship	0.9	0.8
Reunification	59.1	59.8
Other	36.5	31.2
Missing	3.5	8.1
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	460	381

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	1998	1999
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.0	14.8
Children older than 12 at entry	80.0	85.2
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	20	27

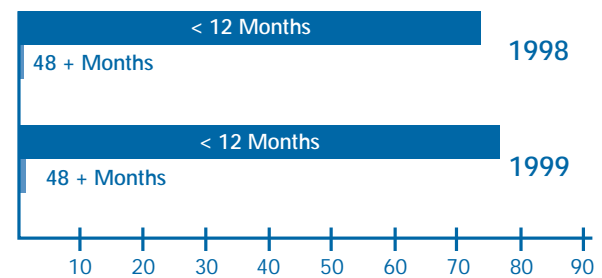
3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)	Alaska Native/A.I.		Asian/P.I.		Black		Hispanic	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Adoption	7.1	—	—	—	—	36.4	1.2	5.1
Guardianship	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.0	5.1
Reunification	85.7	73.9	100.0	33.3	45.5	9.1	60.2	61.0
Other	—	8.7	—	66.7	54.5	18.2	30.1	20.3
Missing	7.1	17.4	—	—	—	36.4	2.4	8.5
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	28	23	2	3	11	11	83	59

	White		Unable to Determine		Not Applicable		Missing	
Adoption	1.1	4.6	4.9	—	N/A	—	—	—
Guardianship	3.4	2.6	4.9	—	N/A	—	—	—
Reunification	63.2	69.0	56.1	80.0	N/A	—	—	—
Other	29.9	17.9	24.4	15.6	N/A	—	—	—
Missing	2.3	5.9	9.8	4.4	N/A	—	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	—	—	—
Number	698	659	41	45	N/A	—	—	—

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

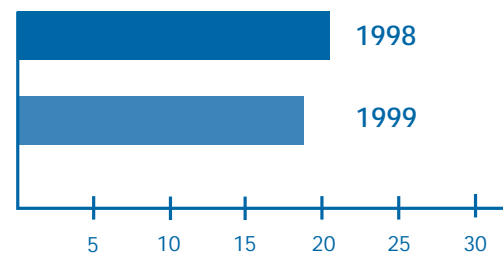
4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	73.9	76.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.8	15.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.5	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	0.9
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.1
Missing	2.4	2.6
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	545	546

Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999
Children entering care for the first time	68.3	70.3
Children re-entering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.5	18.8
Children re-entering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.2	10.9
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	961	895

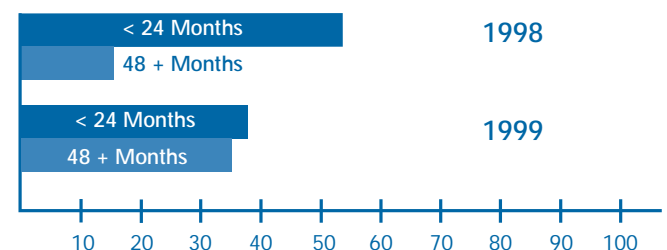
Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)	1998	1999
Less than 12 mos.	—	10.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	53.8	27.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	15.4	24.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	15.4	2.7
48 or more mos.	15.4	35.1
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	13	37

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry

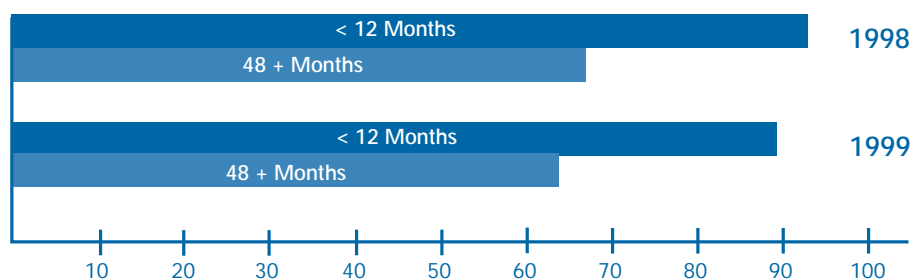


6. Increase Placement Stability

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998 & FY 1999)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Missing Placements	Total %	Number
Less than 12 mos.	1998	92.7	7.3	—	100.0	1,084
	1999	88.8	11.2	—	100.0	1,007
At least 12 mos., but <24 mos.	1998	72.3	27.7	—	100.0	339
	1999	71.5	28.5	—	100.0	288
At least 24 mos., but <36 mos.	1998	60.6	39.4	—	100.0	94
	1999	62.3	37.7	—	100.0	154
At least 36 mos., but <48 mos.	1998	60.0	40.0	—	100.0	90
	1999	48.9	51.1	—	100.0	47
48 or more mos.	1998	66.9	33.1	—	100.0	118
	1999	63.4	36.6	—	100.0	134
Missing	1998	100.0	—	—	100.0	21
	1999	100.0	—	—	100.0	22

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements



7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database FY 1998 & FY 1999)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	1998	1999
Group homes	9.7	10.3
Institutions	5.1	8.3
Other settings	85.2	81.4
Missing	—	—
Total %	100.0	100.0
Number	452	435

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The 1998 data reflect approximately 6 months of the old social service data system (FSXS) and 6 months of the new system, Wyoming Children Assistance and Protection System (WYCAPS). The 1999 data are exclusively from WYCAPS.

With regard to Section B, NCANDS data, the data are taken from items listed in the NCANDS SDC file. The children subject of an investigative report alleging child maltreatment is the count of intake-child combinations on allegation records. For child maltreatment victims, each child-intake combination reported in (NCANDS) item 3.1 is reported here. If the child was the subject of any substantiated allegations, he or she is included in the number reported as substantiated. If the child was the subject of any pending allegations but no substantiated

allegations, he or she is included in the number reported as “Unknown Disposition.” If all of the allegations associated with a child were unsubstantiated, the child is included in the number reported as “Unsubstantiated.”

For race/ethnicity, in 1998, the same child could not appear in more than one category. In 1999, the same child could appear in more than one category.

For Maltreatment Type of Child Victims, “Physical Abuse” includes dangerous acts; “Neglect” includes educational neglect, negligent treatment, lack of supervision, and abandonment. “Medical Neglect” includes nutritional deficiency and intentional drugging. The WYCAPS system does not allow “unknown” for a substantiated allegation of maltreatment.

Appendix A

ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT OF 1997

(PUBLIC LAW 105-89)

SECTION 203(a)



Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-89)

SEC. 203. Performance of States in Protecting Children.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE

PERFORMANCE.—Part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended by addition at the end of the following:

SEC. 479A. Annual Report.

The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall:

(1) develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs pursuant to parts B and E to ensure the safety of children;

(2) to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System;

(3) develop a system for rating the performance of States with respect to the outcome measures and provide to the States an explanation of the rating system and how scores are determined under the rating system;

(4) prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to ensure that States provide to the Secretary the data necessary to determine State performance with respect to each outcome measure, as a condition of the State receiving funds under this part; and

(5) on May 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, prepare and submit to the Congress a report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure, which shall examine the reasons for high performance and low performance and, where possible, make recommendations as to how State performance could be improved.

Appendix B

HIGHLIGHTS OF
FINDINGS FROM
CHILD

MALTREATMENT 1999



HIGHLIGHTS OF FINDINGS EXCERPTED FROM *CHILD MALTREATMENT 1999*

These highlights are based on responses from the States to the 1999 National Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting System (NCANDS). Data were collected in aggregate by the Summary Data Component (SDC) survey and at the case level through the Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC). Highlights denoted with an asterisk (*) are the findings whose inclusion in annual State data reports to the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended.

Referrals and Reports

As referrals of possible child maltreatment come to the attention of child protective services (CPS), they either are winnowed from consideration or transmitted further for investigation or assessment—“screened out” or “screened in.” For those reports screened in, a further determination is made about whether to investigate. The role of the CPS agency includes deciding whether to take further protective actions on behalf of a child.

- Of the estimated 2,974,000 referrals received, approximately three-fifths (60.4%) were transferred for investigation or assessment and two-fifths (39.6%) were screened out.
- More than half of child abuse and neglect reports (54.7%) were received from professionals. The remaining 45.3 percent of reports were submitted by nonprofessionals, including family and community members.
- Most States have established time standards for initiating the investigation of reports. The average response time to initiating an investigation was 63.8 hours. *
- Slightly less than one-third of investigations (29.2 %) resulted in a disposition of either substantiated or indicated child maltreatment. More than half (54.7%) resulted in a finding that child maltreatment was not substantiated. *
- The average annual workload of CPS investigation and assessment workers was 72 investigations. *

Child Maltreatment Victims

Victims of maltreatment are defined as children who are found to have experienced a substantiated or indicated maltreatment or are found to be at risk of experiencing maltreatment.

- There were an estimated 826,000 victims of maltreatment nationwide. The 1999 rate of victimization, 11.8 per 1,000 children, decreased from the 1998 rate of 12.6. *
- Almost three-fifths of all victims (58.4 %) suffered neglect, while one-fifth (21.3%) suffered physical abuse; 11.3 percent were sexually abused. More than one-third (35.9%) of all victims were reported to be victims of other or additional types of maltreatment.
- The highest victimization rates were for the 0-3 age group (13.9 maltreatments per 1,000 children of this age in the population), and rates declined as age increased.
- Rates of many types of maltreatment were similar for male and female children, but the sexual abuse rate for female children (1.6 female children for every 1,000 female children in the population) was higher than the sexual abuse rate for male children (0.4 male children per 1,000).
- Victimization rates by race/ethnicity ranged from a low of 4.4 Asian/Pacific Islander victims per 1,000 children of the same race in the population to 25.2 African-American victims per 1,000.
- Children who had been victimized prior to 1999 were almost three times more likely to experience recurrence during the 6 months following their first victimization in 1999 than children without a prior history of victimization.

Perpetrators

A perpetrator of child abuse and/or neglect is a person who has maltreated a child while in a caretaking relationship to that child.

- Three-fifths (61.8%) of perpetrators were female. Female perpetrators were typically younger than their male counterparts—41.5 percent were younger than 30 years of age, compared to 31.2 percent of male perpetrators.
- Almost nine-tenths (87.3%) of all victims were maltreated by at least one parent. The most common pattern of maltreatment was a child victimized by a female parent acting alone (44.7%).
- Female parents were identified as the perpetrators of neglect and physical abuse for the highest percentage of child victims. In contrast, male parents were identified as the perpetrators of sexual abuse for the highest percentage of victims.

Fatalities

Child fatality estimates are based on data recorded by CPS agencies and/or other agencies.

- An estimated 1,100 children died of abuse and neglect, a rate of approximately 1.62 deaths per 100,000 children in the general population. *
- Slightly more than 2 percent (2.1%) of all fatalities occurred while the victim was in foster care. *
- Children younger than a year old accounted for 42.6 percent of the fatalities, and 86.1 percent were younger than 6 years of age.
- Maltreatment deaths were more often associated with neglect (38.2%) than with any other type of abuse.
- Slightly more than one-tenth (12.5%) of the families of child fatalities had received family preservation services in the 5 years prior to the deaths, while only 2.7 percent of the child fatality victims had been returned to the care of their families prior to their deaths. *

Services

CPS agencies provide services to prevent future instances of child abuse and neglect and to remedy harm that has occurred as a result of child maltreatment. Preventive services are provided to parents whose children are at risk of abuse or neglect. Remedial or postinvestigative services are offered to families that have experienced a child maltreatment episode.

- Nationwide, an estimated 1,563,000 children, 22.3 out of every 1,000 in the population, received preventive services. *
- The average time from the start of investigation to provision of service was 47.4 days. *
- Nationally, 55.8 percent of child victims (an estimated 461,000) received post-investigative services, and an additional 14.2 percent of children with unsubstantiated reports (an estimated 217,000) also received services. *
- Nationally, an estimated 171,000 child victims were placed in foster care. An estimated additional 49,000 children who were not victims (i.e., children with unsubstantiated reports) were placed in foster care. *
- About one-fifth (21.2%) of victims had received family preservation services within the previous 5 years, while more than 5 percent (5.1%) of victims had been reunited with their families in the previous 5 years. *
- Court actions were initiated for an estimated 26.1 percent of maltreatment victims. Four-fifths of these victims (79.3%) were provided with court-appointed representatives. *

Appendix C

THE AFCARS REPORT: 1999



The AFCARS Report

Interim FY 1999 Estimates as of June 2001 (6)

How many children were in foster care on September 30, 1999? 581,000

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 1999, 10/1/98 through 9/30/99.

NOTES: The number of jurisdictions submitting useable foster care data was 49 including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Although the percentage distributions within questions have remained relatively constant since the first report (TAR 1), there is considerable variation in the estimated numbers. This is due in part to improvements in the quality of the data and to the use of different estimation procedures. (See TAR 5 for a detailed discussion of the various estimation procedures that have been utilized.) TAR 6 includes entries and discharges reported in FY 2000 that occurred during FY 1999. Data from both regular and revised submissions received by March 21, 2001 are included in the estimates. Some percentages do not add up to 100% and/or the estimated numbers do not add up to the total number in the category due to rounding.

What were the ages of the children in foster care?

Mean Yrs	9.9	
Median Yrs	10.1	
Under 1 Yr	4%	23,396
1 thru 5 Yrs	25%	143,268
6 thru 10 Yrs	26%	150,574
11 thru 15 Yrs	28%	164,134
16 thru 18 Yrs	16%	90,293
19 + Yrs	2%	9,335

What were the placement settings of children in foster care?

Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	22,484
Foster Family Home (Relative)	26%	151,864
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	47%	274,100
Group Home	8%	46,279
Institution	10%	57,590
Supervised Independent Living	1%	4,979
Runaway	1%	7,886
Trial Home Visit	3%	15,818

What were the lengths of stay for the children in foster care?

Mean Months	32	
Median Months	20	
< 1 Month	4%	24,329
1 to 5 Mos	16%	94,044
6 to 11 Mos	15%	85,036
12 to 17 Mos	11%	65,014
18 to 23 Mos	9%	51,985
24 to 29 Mos	8%	43,918
30 to 35 Mos	6%	33,269
3 to 4 Yrs	15%	85,128
5 Yrs or More	17%	98,276

What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	42%	242,571
Live with Other Relative(s)	5%	26,368
Adoption	19%	107,581
Long Term Foster Care	8%	48,828
Emancipation	6%	32,960
Guardianship	3%	17,608
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	18%	105,084

Children in foster care on September 30, 1999 (continued)

What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?			What was the gender of the children in foster care?		
White Non-Hispanic	34%	199,735	Male	52%	303,157
Black Non-Hispanic	39%	223,751	Female	48%	277,843
Hispanic	17%	98,396			
AI/AN Non-Hispanic	2%	9,475			
Asian/PI Non-Hispanic	1%	6,109			
UnKnown/Unable to Determine	7%	43,533			

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

How many children entered foster care during FY 1999? 297,000

What were the ages of the children who entered care during FY 1999?			What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during FY 1999?		
Mean Yrs	8.6		White Non-Hispanic	43%	126,697
Median Yrs	8.7		Black Non-Hispanic	27%	80,573
			Hispanic	16%	48,081
Under 1 Yr	13%	39,103	AI/AN Non-Hispanic	2%	7,146
1 thru 5 Yrs	25%	73,717	Asian/PI Non-Hispanic	2%	4,543
6 thru 10 Yrs	22%	64,407	UnKnown/Unable to Determine	10%	29,960
11 thru 15 Yrs	29%	86,446			
16 thru 18 Yrs	11%	33,057			
19+ Yrs	0%	269			

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

How many children exited foster care during FY 1999? 251,000

What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 1999?			What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 1999?		
Mean Yrs	10.3		White Non-Hispanic	42%	105,974
Median Yrs	10.4		Black Non-Hispanic	29%	72,862
			Hispanic	15%	38,327
Under 1 Yr	4%	10,216	AI/AN Non-Hispanic	2%	6,073
1 thru 5 Yrs	26%	64,267	Asian/PI Non-Hispanic	2%	3,962
6 thru 10 Yrs	23%	57,352	UnKnown/Unable to Determine	9%	23,803
11 thru 15 Yrs	24%	61,093			
16 thru 18 Yrs	21%	52,738			
19 + Yrs	2%	5,334			

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Children who exited foster care (continued)

What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 1999?			What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 1999?		
Mean Months	22		Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	59%	147,640
Median Months	11		Living with Other Relative(s)	10%	24,953
			Adoption	16%	38,944
< 1 Month	21%	52,787	Emancipation	7%	18,554
1 to 5 Mos	17%	43,351	Guardianship	3%	7,396
6 to 11 Mos	14%	34,481	Transfer to Another Agency	3%	7,714
12 to 17 Mos	11%	26,731	Runaway	2%	5,232
18 to 23 Mos	8%	19,087	Death of Child	0%	564
24 to 29 Mos	5%	13,766			
30 to 35 Mos	4%	10,644	NOTE: Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents and homicide.		
3 to 4 Yrs	10%	26,098			
5 Yrs or More	10%	24,055			

How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 1999? 127,000

NOTES: Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?			What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?		
Male	52%	66,388	White Non-Hispanic	32%	40,799
Female	48%	60,612	Black Non-Hispanic	42%	53,791
			Hispanic	15%	19,108
			AI/AN Non-Hispanic	1%	1,031
			Asian/PI Non-Hispanic	1%	1,792
			UnKnown/Unable to Determine	8%	9,716
How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?			How old were the waiting children on September 30, 1999?		
Mean Yrs	4.3		Mean Yrs	7.9	
Median Yrs	3.5		Median Yrs	7.7	
Less than 1	28%	35,732	Less than 1	3%	3,786
1-5	41%	51,565	1-5	34%	43,270
6-10	24%	30,865	6-10	35%	45,028
11-15	7%	8,471	11-15	23%	29,806
16-18	0%	354	16-18	3%	4,275

Children waiting to be adopted on September 30, 1999 (continued)

How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?			Where were the waiting children living on September 30, 1999?		
Mean Months	44		Pre-Adoptive Home	15%	18,936
Median Months	36		Foster Family Home (Relative)	19%	23,770
			Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	58%	73,268
Less than 1 month	1%	826	Group Home	3%	3,879
1 through 5 months	4%	5,311	Institution	5%	6,274
6 through 11 months	7%	8,993	Supervised Independent Living	0%	110
12 through 17 months	9%	11,673	Runaway	0%	370
18 through 23 months	10%	12,413	Trial Home Visit	0%	394
24 through 29 months	10%	13,333			
30 through 35 months	9%	11,493			
36 through 59 months	24%	30,988			
60 or more months	25%	31,969			

How many children in foster care had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 64,000

As of September 30, 1999, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?

Mean Months	21
Median Months	13

How many children were adopted from the public foster care system in FY 1999? 46,000

SOURCE: Adoptions can be reported to the AFCARS adoption database at any time after the adoption has been finalized. TAR 6 includes adoptions finalized in FY 1999 reported in regular and revised submissions by May 1, 2001 for FY 1998 and FY 1999 reports, and by March 21, 2001 for FY 2000 reports.

NOTES: The number of jurisdictions reporting useable data was 52 including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Some percentages do not add up to 100% and/or the estimated numbers do not add up to the total number in the category due to rounding.

What is the gender distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?			What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?		
Male	50%	22,951	White Non-Hispanic	38%	17,341
Female	50%	23,049	Black Non-Hispanic	45%	20,618
			Hispanic	15%	7,021
			Asian/PI Non-Hispanic	1%	474
			AI/AN Non-Hispanic	1%	100

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Children adopted in FY 1999 (continued)

How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?

Mean Yrs	6.9
Median Yrs	6.4

How many months did it take after termination of parental rights for the children to be adopted?

Mean Months	16
Median Months	12

Under 1	2%	831
1-5	45%	20,708
6-10	36%	16,498
11-15	15%	7,021
16-18	2%	901
19+	0%	42

<1 mos	3%	1,509
1-5 mos	18%	8,432
6-11 mos	30%	13,826
12-17 mos	19%	8,821
18-23 mos	11%	5,032
24-29 mos	6%	2,926
30-35 mos	4%	1,721
3-4 yrs	6%	2,747
5+ yrs	0%	10

What proportion of the children adopted are receiving an adoption subsidy?

Yes	88%	40,423
No	12%	5,577

What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

Non-Relative	20%	9,164
Foster Parent	64%	29,387
Step-Parent	0%	96
Other Relative	16%	7,353

NOTE: Relatives who were also foster parents were counted as relatives.

Adoptive Family Structure

Married Couple	66%	30,233
Unmarried Couple	1%	403
Single Female	31%	14,392
Single Male	2%	972

Appendix D

CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES AND MEASURES



Child Welfare Outcomes and Measures

This appendix provides information about the child welfare outcomes and measures. Changes that have been made since last year's report are noted where applicable.

Child Welfare Outcome 1:

Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?

Note: The time frame for this measure has been changed from 12 months to 6 months and therefore the data presented in Child Welfare Outcomes 1999 are not comparable to data presented in Child Welfare Outcomes 1998.

Child Welfare Outcome 2:

Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

Note: This is the first year this measure has been computed. The reporting period for this measure for both 1998 and 1999 is January 1 - September 30 (9 months).

Child Welfare Outcome 3:

Increase permanency for children in foster care

Measure 3.1: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Note: This measure includes all children age 13 and older at the time of entry. This is a change from last year when the measure included children who were age 12 and older at the time of entry.

Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?

Measure 3.5: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Child Welfare Outcome 4:

Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry

Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods?

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?

Child Welfare Outcome 5:

Reduce time in foster care to adoption

Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 6:

Increase placement stability

Measure 6.1: Of all children served who had been in foster care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 7:

Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

Measure 7.1: For all children who entered foster care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or an institution?

Appendix E

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM



NATIONAL
STANDARDS FOR
THE CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES REVIEWS

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: State and Territorial Agencies Administering or Supervising the Administration of Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act, ACF Regional Administrators and Hub Directors

SUBJECT: Updated National Standards for the Child and Family Service Reviews and Guidance on Program Improvement Plans

LEGAL AND RELATED

REFERENCES: Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act, the Social Security Act Amendments of 1994 (Public Law 103-432), 45 CFR 1355.34(a) and (b), 45 CFR 1355.35(a) and (e), 45 CFR 1355.36(d), ACYF-CB-IM-00-11, and ACYF-CB-IM-01-01

PURPOSE: The purposes of this information memorandum (IM) are: (1) to provide updated information on the national standards that are used to determine, in part, whether or not States are operating in substantial conformity with State plan requirements, and; (2) to provide guidance for use by States and Regional Offices in negotiating the amount of improvement necessary toward meeting the national standards through an approved program improvement plan (PIP).

INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with 45 CFR 1355.34(a) and (b), a State must, in part, meet national standards for certain statewide data indicators and achieve certain outcomes for children and families to be determined in substantial conformity in a child and family services review. In ACYF-CB-IM-

00-11¹ we transmitted national standards for the six statewide data indicators used, in part, to determine if States are operating in substantial conformity with titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). We have updated the national standards because of corrected State data that form the basis for the standards and a number of improved procedural measures that we describe below.

In addition, if a State is determined not to be in substantial conformity because the State's data did not meet the national standards, the State is required to develop a PIP (45 CFR 1355.35(a)) that sets forth the amount of progress the State will make toward meeting the national standards for the statewide data indicator(s). In addition to updating the national standards, we are providing guidance for use by States and Regional Offices in determining the amount of improvement that States must make toward meeting the standards through the implementation of a PIP. We note that a PIP is required of States determined not to be in substantial conformity on any of the outcomes and systemic factors examined as a part of the child and family services reviews. A State may be determined not to be in substantial conformity for reasons other than failure to meet the national standards, such as the failure of a sufficient number of cases reviewed onsite to be rated as substantially achieved. This Information Memorandum addresses the extent of improvement that will be required of States through a PIP due to determinations that States are not operating in substantial conformity based in whole or in part on the failure of the State to meet the national standards, and does not address States' failure to achieve substantial conformity due to other reasons.

Updated National Standards

The updated national standards reflect changes in four areas:

- The use of corrected State data submitted to AFCARS and NCANDS for the time periods used to calculate the standards;
- The application of new rules that disregard skewed data points in calculating the national standards;
- The inclusion of a sampling error associated with each national standard; and
- The rounding of the national standards to one decimal point.

We discuss each of these changes below.

Corrected State data. In preparing for the CFS reviews, a number of States examined their data submissions to AFCARS and NCANDS in previous years and re-submitted their data for purposes of the CFS reviews. We encouraged States to analyze their data critically so that the reviews would reflect the most accurate picture available of outcomes for children and families. Therefore, we have incorporated the corrected data into the national standards.

¹ ACYF-CB-IM-00-11 was later amended by ACYF-CB-IM-01-01 due to a typographical error in describing our methodology for calculating the national standard for the statewide data indicator, "foster care re-entries." We are rescinding both ACYF-CB-IM-00-11 and ACYF-CB-IM-01-01 due to the revisions in the national standards and are placing a background paper on the Children's Bureau website that includes relevant information from the two Information Memoranda noted above.

New rules for disregarding extreme data points. When recalculating the national standards, we applied new rules that disregarded extreme data points in individual States’ data that were used to calculate the national standards. We excluded State data indicators that were 0% and 100% from the data points used to determine the standards, believing that such extreme values were unlikely to be accurate and would skew the standards in one direction or another.

Inclusion of sampling error in the standards. In calculating the new national standards, we included the sampling error associated with each data indicator as part of the actual standard. Even with the use of more accurate data to calculate the national standards, we realize that there is a certain range within which a State’s data can be considered to meet the standard statistically. We chose to incorporate the sampling error into the standards because we do not believe it is appropriate to subject a State to a potential penalty if the State is within a statistically acceptable range of the national standard.

Rounding of the national standards. When we updated the national standards to incorporate sampling errors, we believed that the full benefits to the States of including the sampling error in the standard would be best applied by rounding the standards using decimal points. We chose to round the standards to only one decimal point because we do not believe it is appropriate to attempt to measure State performance to the degree of precision implied by two decimal places. The exception to this rounding procedure is the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care and has been rounded to two decimal points due to the small number of such incidents reported by States.

Determining a State’s Achievement of the National Standard

In determining whether or not a State meets the national standard for a particular statewide data indicator, we will compare the State’s data used in its CFS review to the updated national standards below. We will round the State’s data for individual indicators using the same rationale described above for rounding the national standards, i.e., rounding to one decimal point for each of the six indicators except the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care, which will be rounded to two decimal points. As shown in the chart below, each of the updated national standards works to the advantage of the States in meeting the standards. For States that have already undergone CFS reviews in FY 2001, we will apply the updated national standards retroactively to decisions regarding substantial conformity.

Our methodology for calculating the updated national standards and for determining whether a State's data meet the national standards are indicated in the chart below:

Data Indicator	75th Percentile	Sampling Error	Updated National Standard*	Old National Standard (For comparison only)	Method of Determining if State Meets National Standard
Recurrence of maltreatment	5.15%	0.90%	6.1%	5%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or less than, the updated national standard.

Data Indicator	75th Percentile	Sampling Error	Updated National Standard*	Old National Standard (For comparison only)	Method of Determining if State Meets National Standard
Incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care	0.4247%	0.1439%	0.57%	0.4%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or less than, the updated national standard.
Foster care re-entries	7.23%	1.35%	8.6%	6%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or less than, the updated national standard.
Stability of foster care placements	88.58%	1.90%	86.7%	89%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or greater than, the updated national standard.
Length of time to achieve reunification	78.62%	2.42%	76.2%	78%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or greater than, the updated national standard.
Length of time to achieve adoption	34.89%	2.90%	32.0%	36%	A State will be determined to meet the national standard if its data on this indicator are equal to, or greater than, the updated national standard.

*Rounded as noted above

Determining a State's Improvement with regard to the National Standards

In situations where a State does not meet a national standard, the regulations require that the PIP, which is jointly developed by the Regional Office and the State, set forth the amount of progress the statewide data will make toward meeting the national standards. (45 CFR 1355.35(a)(1)(i),(iv)). The PIP must also specify a period in which ACF can measure a State's progress in achieving the negotiated improvement (45 CFR 1355.5(e)(1)). We will consider the sampling error for each indicator as a minimum percentage of improvement for a State to make over the course of a PIP. For example, if a State's recurrence of child maltreatment is 10% at the time of the review, at a minimum we would expect the State to improve by at least .90% on this indicator as part of an approved PIP, thus reducing the incidence of recurrent maltreatment to 9.1%, in order to consider that improvement has been made. We believe that using the sampling error as a framework is appropriate because where a State's improvement exceeds the sampling error, we can conclude that a statistically significant improvement has been made.²

² In situations where the amount of a State's improvement on an indicator exceeds the sampling error, we can determine that improvement has occurred in a statistical sense, since exceeding the sampling error will indicate a statistically significant difference (improvement) between the State's performance on the period under review and the subsequent evaluation period specified in the PIP.

In addition to the sampling error, the Regional Office may also consider other programmatic factors in negotiating the amount of improvement States are required to make in a PIP. Such programmatic factors may include the extent to which a State's data fall below or exceed the national standard, the factors affecting the State's lack of substantial conformity, the difficulty and time involved in program improvement efforts in achieving overall improvement, whether the area needing improvement is an egregious area affecting child safety, and the amount of performance improvement the State may have already achieved subsequent to generating the original data profiles used in the reviews.

Evaluating a State's Improvement in Meeting the National Standards

To determine the amount of progress a State has made toward meeting the national standard, we will compute the difference between the State's data as indicated in the original data profile and the subsequent period specified in the PIP. For example, if a State fails to meet a national standard based on data from Federal fiscal year 1999, and the PIP includes the negotiated provision that we use data from Federal fiscal year 2003 to gauge the State's progress toward meeting the national standard, we will compute the difference between the data from those two time periods.

If the difference indicates a level of improvement that meets or exceeds the approved amount of improvement specified in the PIP, we will determine that the State has successfully completed that portion of the PIP, and the associated penalties will be rescinded (section 1355.36(d)). If the State does not meet or exceed the approved amount of improvement specified in the PIP, the associated penalties will be withheld as specified in 45 CFR 1355.36. States that do not achieve the updated national standard in subsequent reviews will again be determined out of substantial conformity and be required to establish new benchmarks of improvement to be made toward attainment of the national standard, using the same procedures described in this Information Memorandum³ and subject to the penalty provisions in 45 CFR 1355.36.

INQUIRIES TO: ACF Regional Offices

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³ More information on developing program improvement plans can be found in chapter 7 of the CFS review procedures manual.

Appendix F

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF
CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES
REVIEWS



State Child and Family Service Reviews for Fiscal Years 2001-2004

Region	State	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
I	Connecticut		X		
	Maine			X	
	Massachusetts	X			
	New Hampshire			X	
	Rhode Island				X
	Vermont	X			
II	New Jersey				X
	New York	X			
	Puerto Rico			X	
III	Delaware	X			
	District of Columbia	X			
	Maryland				X
	Pennsylvania		X		
	Virginia			X	
	West Virginia		X		
IV	Alabama		X		
	Florida	X			
	Georgia	X			
	Kentucky			X	
	Mississippi				X
	North Carolina	X			
	South Carolina			X	
	Tennessee		X		
V	Illinois			X	
	Indiana	X			
	Michigan		X		
	Minnesota	X			
	Ohio		X		
	Wisconsin			X	
VI	Arkansas	X			
	Louisiana			X	
	New Mexico	X			
	Oklahoma		X		
	Texas		X		
VII	Iowa			X	
	Kansas	X			
	Missouri				X
	Nebraska		X		
VIII	Colorado		X		
	Montana		X		
	North Dakota	X			
	South Dakota	X			
	Utah			X	
	Wyoming		X		
IX	Arizona	X			
	California		X		
	Hawaii			X	
	Nevada				X
X	Alaska		X		
	Idaho			X	
	Oregon	X			
	Washington				X
Totals		17	15	13	7

Appendix G

CHILDREN'S BUREAU TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK



Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network

National Resource Centers, Clearinghouses, and Technical Assistance Support Systems March 2001

The Children's Bureau, in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, provides an array of training and technical assistance (T/TA) support resources through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. Currently, the Bureau operates ten National Resource Centers (NRCs), two Clearinghouses, and four technical support projects.

National Resource Centers

The overarching goal of the eight NRCs described below is to help States, Tribes, and public child welfare agencies implement Federal legislation intended to ensure the safety, well-being, and permanent placement of children who enter the child welfare system. These Centers conduct needs assessments, provide on-site technical assistance, identify and disseminate best practices, and coordinate and collaborate with other national resource centers and agencies.

Program: **National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning**
Organization: Hunter College School of Social Work
Address: 129 E. 79th St.
New York, NY 10021
Phone: (212) 452-7053
Fax: (212) 452-7051
E-Mail: nrcfcpp@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu
URL: www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcppab.htm
Contact: Sarah B. Greenblatt, Director

The Center supports the efforts of child welfare agencies to provide high-quality services to children in foster care and their families and to help them achieve permanency. In particular, this Center helps agencies respond to widespread changes in child welfare brought about by implementation of the Federal Adoption and Safe Families Act, Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, and Indian Child Welfare Act. These changes encompass such issues as family group conferencing, kinship care, child welfare mediation, and recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families.

Program: **National Resource Center for Information Technology in Child Welfare**
Organization: Child Welfare League of America
Address: 440 First St., NW
Washington, DC 20001-2085

Phone: (202) 638-2952
Fax: (202) 638-4004
URL: www.cwla.org
Contact: Tom Hay, Project Manager

The Center helps State, local, and Tribal child welfare agencies, and family and juvenile courts use automated information systems to improve outcomes in the child welfare system. The Center provides technical assistance in the collection of data (as required by Federal law) for the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), and disseminates information on best practices related to Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS). The Center also helps its clients use data to improve services to children, youth, and families; evaluate results; and make informed decisions about policies, programs, and practices.

Program: **National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement**
Organization: Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine
Address: 1 Post Office Square
P.O. Box 15010
Portland, ME 04112
Phone: (207) 780-5810
Fax: (207) 780-5817
E-Mail: patn@usm.maine.edu
URL: www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/helpkids
Contact: Kris Sahanchik, Executive Director

The Center helps agencies build and improve the organizational infrastructures they need to implement Federal legislation. Agencies need to know, for example, how to set results-oriented goals, identify and remove barriers to improvement, and measure their progress toward goals. The Center also helps agencies cope with the administrative, management, and human resource issues that have surfaced in the wake of widespread changes in the field.

Program: National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption

Organization: Spaulding for Children

Address: Crossroad Office Center
16250 Northland Dr.
Suite 120
Southfield, MI 48075

Phone: (248) 443-7080

Fax: (248) 443-7099

E-Mail: sfc@Spaulding.org

URL: www.spaulding.org/adoption/NRC-adoption.html

Contact: Drenda Lakin, Director

The Center works with States, Tribes, and agencies to increase the number of children with special needs who are adopted and to improve the effectiveness and quality of adoption and post-adoption services provided to them and their families. The Center has developed and distributes a number of training curricula as well as publications, videos, and a newsletter.

Program: National Resource Center for Youth Development

Organization: University of Oklahoma

Address: College of Continuing Education
4502 E. 41st St., Bldg 4 West
Tulsa, OK 74135-2553

Phone: (918) 660-3700

Fax: (918) 660-3737

E-Mail: hlock@ou.edu

URL: www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd.htm

Contact: Jim Walker, Director
Peter Correia, Assistant Director

The Center focuses on increasing the capacity and resources of State, Tribal, and other publicly supported child welfare agencies to effectively meet the needs of youth who will be emancipated from the child welfare system. This will be accomplished by helping adolescents achieve the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 goals of safety, permanency, and well-being through the effective implementation of the John H. Chaffee Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 and other related programs.

Program: National Resource Center on Child Maltreatment

Organization: Child Welfare Institute

Address: 1349 Peachtree St., NE
Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30309-2956

Phone: (404) 876-1934

Fax: (404) 876-7949

E-Mail: NRCCM@gocwi.org

URL: gocwi.org/nrccm

Contact: Tom Morton, Co-Director

The Center helps States, local agencies, and Tribes develop effective and efficient child protective services (CPS) systems. Jointly operated by the Child Welfare Institute and ACTION for Child Protection, the Center responds to needs related to prevention, identification, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Program: National Child Welfare Resource Center on Family-Centered Practice

Organization: Learning Systems Group

Address: 1150 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036

Phone: (800) 628-8442

Fax: (202) 628-3812

E-Mail: cwrc@esilsg.org

URL: www.esilsg.org

Contact: Elena Cohen, Project Director
elenac@esilsg.org

The Center helps child welfare agency managers and staff translate the tenets of the Adoption and Safe Families Act into family-centered practices that ensure the well-being and permanent placement of children while meeting the needs of families. In particular, the Center helps clients learn how to forge linkages among the child welfare system, other support systems for families, and the courts, especially in the areas of substance abuse treatment and domestic violence.

Program: National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues

Organization: ABA Center on Children and the Law

Address: 740 15th St., NW
9th Floor
Washington, DC 20005-1009

Phone: (202) 662-1746

Fax: (202) 662-1755

E-Mail: markhardin@staff.abanet.org

URL: www.abanet.org/child
Contact: Mark Hardin, Director
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(202) 662-1736

The Center provides expertise to State and tribal agencies and courts on legal and judicial aspects of child welfare, including court improvement, agency and court collaboration, timely decisions on termination of parental rights, non-adversarial case resolution, reasonable efforts requirements, legal representation of children, parents and child welfare agencies, permanent guardianship, confidentiality, legal ethics for child welfare attorneys, action planning for courts and agency representatives, the interplay of domestic violence and child welfare and other emerging child welfare issues related to requirements of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994, as amended, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The following two NRCs were established to support statutorily mandated programs and provide services primarily to grantees.

Program: **National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center**
Organization: University of California at Berkeley
Address: School of Social Welfare
1950 Addison St.
Suite 104
Berkeley, CA 94704-1182
Phone: (510) 643-8390
Fax: (510) 643-7019
E-Mail: aia@uclink4.berkeley.edu
URL: socrates.berkeley.edu/~aiarc
Contact: Jeanne Pietrzak, Director

The Center provides training, technical assistance, research and information to professionals to enhance the quality of social and health services offered to families and their children who are abandoned or at risk of abandonment due to perinatal substance abuse and/or HIV. The Center generates and disseminates training and information on a wide range of child welfare and HIV and drug issues, particularly as they relate to the safety, well-being, and permanence of children.

Program: **National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (FRIENDS)**
Organization: Chapel-Hill Training Outreach Project
Address: 800 Eastowne Dr.
Suite 105
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Phone: (800) 888-7970
Fax: (919) 968-8879
URL: www.frca.org/friends.htm
Contact: Jack Denniston, Project Manager
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FRIENDS provides training and technical assistance to lead agencies implementing the Community-Based Family Resource and Support (CBFRS) grant program in the following key areas: parent leadership training, family resource and support programs and services, services to diverse populations, establishment of respite care programs, and creation of funding strategies. Requests for FRIENDS services are initiated by CBFRS State lead agencies.

National Clearinghouses

The Children's Bureau operates two related clearinghouses to meet the cross-disciplinary needs of professionals working in child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. The clearinghouses serve as central gateways to government and other resources related to these fields. Both clearinghouses maintain extensive documents collections and provide information and referrals, technical assistance, and other products and services.

Program: **National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**
Organization: Caliber Associates, Inc.
Address: 330 C St., SW
Washington, DC 20447
Phone: (800) 394-3366
Fax: (703) 385-3206
E-Mail: nccanch@calib.com
URL: www.calib.com/nccanch
Contact: Candy Hughes, Project Director

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information was first established in 1974 by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to collect, organize,

and disseminate information on all aspects of child maltreatment to build the capacity of professionals in the field. The Clearinghouse collects and shares relevant materials on child maltreatment and child welfare, including prevention and family support programs. The Clearinghouse provides tailored services and information to meet the specific needs of users. It offers numerous materials and resources in print and online.

Program: **National Adoption Information Clearinghouse**
Organization: Caliber Associates, Inc.
Address: 330 C Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20447
Phone: (888) 251-0075
Fax: (703) 385-3206
E-Mail: naic@calib.com
URL: www.calib.com/naic
Contact: Mary Sullivan, Project Director

The National Adoption Information Clearinghouse is the nation's number one source of information about adoption. The Clearinghouse publishes and distributes fact sheets, directories, literature searches, resource lists, bibliographies, and other products tailored to customers' specific needs. A staff of experts in adoption, child welfare, law, information management, and library science ensure the quality and scope of the Clearinghouse collection.

Technical Assistance Support Systems

The Children's Bureau has funded four technical assistance support projects to further enhance specific research and program areas.

Program: **National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect**
Organization: Cornell University
Address: Family Life Development Center
 Ithaca, NY 14853-4401
Phone: (607) 255-7799
Fax: (607) 255-8562
E-Mail: DataCAN@cornell.edu
URL: www.ndacan.cornell.edu
Contact: Elliott Smith, Project Manager
 (607) 255-8104

The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect facilitates secondary analysis of research data relevant to the study of child abuse and neglect. The Archive maintains numerous databases including the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

Program: **Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)**
Organization: Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children
 American Public Human Services Association
Address: 810 First St., NE
 Suite 500
 Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 682-0100
Fax: (202) 289-6555
URL: www.aphsa.org
Contact: Frank Barthell, J.D., Secretariat, AAICPC
 fbarthel@aphsa.org

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a uniform State law that establishes a contract among party States to ensure that children placed across State lines receive adequate protection and services. The primary function of the ICPC is to protect the interests of children and of States by requiring that certain procedures are followed in making and maintaining the interstate placement of children going into adoption, residential care or foster family homes, or being placed with relatives.

Program: **Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA)**
Organization: Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
 American Public Human Services Association
Address: 810 First St., NE
 Suite 500
 Washington, DC 20002-4267
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Fax: (202) 289-6555
URL: aaicama.aphsa.org
Contact: Liz Oppenheim, Program Director
 loppenheim@aphsa.org

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance facilitates the administration of, and advocates State participation in, the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). ICAMA is the legal mechanism by which member States regulate and coordinate the interstate delivery of services to children with special needs, adopted pursuant to adoption assistance agreements. The Association provides technical and legal assistance, education and training, and materials on practice and policy issues.

Program: **Technical Assistance and Training
Coordinating Contract**

Organization: EduTech Ltd.

Address: 8455 Colesville Rd.
Suite 930
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3319

Phone: (301) 585-1030

Fax: (301) 585-7741

URL: www.edutechltd.com

Contact: Prachee Devedas, Vice President for
Program Development
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This technical assistance and training contract was established to work with the National Resource Centers and to coordinate T/TA for Federal Central and Regional Office staff.

Appendix H

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR DEVELOPING THE
CHILD WELFARE
OUTCOMES AND
MEASURES



GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES

During the fall of 1998, the Department of Health and Human Services engaged in a consultation process with representatives from State, Tribal, county and municipal child welfare agencies; private nonprofit child and family services agencies; State legislatures; Governors' offices; juvenile and family courts; local child advocacy organizations; and a national public employees union. The purpose of the consultation process was to obtain assistance from the field in developing a national set of child welfare outcomes and measures.

Discussions held during consultation meetings resulted in establishing four principles that served to guide the development of the child welfare outcomes and measures. These principles are the following:

- **The outcome measures should reflect performance that is to a large extent within the control of State child welfare systems.** It is difficult to identify outcomes that can be linked solely to child welfare system operations because of the dependency of child welfare on the functioning of many other systems. The outcomes related to safety, permanency, and well-being are significantly influenced by factors beyond the control of a child welfare agency. For example, the capacity and functioning of juvenile or family court systems, juvenile justice systems, law enforcement systems, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment systems in a State or community significantly affect a child welfare agency's ability to impact outcomes in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being for the children it serves. In addition, economic conditions or the extent of substance abuse problems in a community can increase the number of children who are unsafe in their own homes or reduce the number of children who can be safely returned to their families once they have been removed from their homes.
- **The outcome measures should be assessed in ways that limit the potential for misinterpretation.** Determining the meaning of changes in State performance is complex. Such changes can be the result of other influencing factors and/or imbalances in the child welfare system. Positive or negative changes must be viewed in relation to other conditions in the State. For example, an increase in the number of child abuse and/or

neglect reports could be the result of an economic downturn or an increase in the extent of substance abuse problems in a community. Equally important is for States to focus attention on strengthening all parts of the system to ensure a balanced approach to systems performance. This will result in (1) better decisions for the children and families who come into contact with the child welfare agency and (2) improved performance on the outcome measures overall. Conversely, if a State focuses on improving one part of its system such as reducing the time children spend in foster care, the State may achieve the desired goal but negatively impact some other part of the system, e.g., increase the rate of re-entry of children into foster care.

- **The outcome measures should be used to assess the continuous improvement of each State over time, rather than compare the performance of States with one another.** Comparison across States on their performance on the outcome measures is difficult due to variations in State population demographics, programs, and policies and must be undertaken with great care. State performance is better assessed by tracking a State's own continuous improvement over time. Some useful factors in considering State variations may include the proportion of children in poverty in each State; the State's definition of abuse and/or neglect; the State's standards that prompt the removal of children from their homes and the decision to return them home; the resources available in the community to meet the needs of children and families; the resources allocated by the State to the child welfare system to develop and test innovative strategies to attain desired outcomes; and the internal capacity of the child welfare agency in terms of staffing, caseload size, and other factors.
- **The outcome measures should be based on data that are available through existing data collection systems in order to limit the reporting burden on the States.** There have been great advances at the State and Federal Government levels in collecting, analyzing, and reporting child welfare data, using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Despite this progress, a significant number of States are in the process of improving their data

collection capabilities through the design and implementation of new and improved Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS). As a result, many State SACWIS systems are still developing and being refined, which means that the national collection and reporting of data to support measuring some or all of the outcomes are not yet

available for all States. The Department is confident that State data will continue to improve each year and in subsequent annual reports and is providing assistance to States on developing and implementing their SACWIS systems, in addition to assistance on improving the quality of their data submissions on the outcome measures.

Appendix I

CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES DATA SOURCES



Child Welfare Outcomes Data Sources

This appendix provides information about the data sources and data elements relevant to the child welfare context variables and outcome measures.

Context Data Items

Sources and Data Elements

A. Key Context Statistics

TOTAL CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
CHILD POPULATION IN POVERTY	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
CHILD POPULATION LIVING IN METROPOLITAN AREAS	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
CHILD MALTREATMENT VICTIMS DURING FISCAL YEAR	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Sum of Item 3.2 A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment or Risk of Maltreatment was Substantiated, and Item 3.2 B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Indicated
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 9/30 (End FY)	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database
CHILDREN ADOPTED DURING FISCAL YEAR	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Adoption Database: Element 4, State Involvement

B. Child Maltreatment Data

CHILDREN SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATED REPORT ALLEGING CHILD MALTREATMENT	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Item 3.2, Children Subject of a CPS Investigation or Assessment by Disposition Pertaining to the Child
CHILD MALTREATMENT VICTIMS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Sum of Item 3.2 A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment or Risk of Maltreatment was Substantiated, and Item 3.2 B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Indicated
CHILD FATALITIES	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Item 5.1, Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment
AGE OF CHILD VICTIMS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Item 4.2, Child Victims by Age
RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILD VICTIMS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Item 4.4, Child Victims by Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity; Item 4.5, Child Victims by Race
MALTREATMENT TYPE OF CHILD VICTIMS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Summary Data Component: Item 4.1, Child Victims by Type of Maltreatment

C. Children in Foster Care

CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN CARE ON 10/1 (Begin FY) • ENTERED CARE (During FY) • EXITED CARE (During FY) • IN CARE ON 9/30 (End FY) • TOTAL SERVED (During FY) 	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care
MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY OF CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN CARE ON 10/1(Begin FY) • EXITED CARE (During FY) • IN CARE ON 9/30 (End FY) 	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care

AGE OF CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN CARE ON 10/1 (Begin FY) • ENTERED CARE (During FY) • EXITED CARE (During FY) • IN CARE ON 9/30 (End FY) 	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care
RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN CARE ON 10/1 (Begin FY) • ENTERED CARE (During FY) • EXITED CARE (During FY) • IN CARE ON 9/30 (End FY) 	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin
D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30 (End of Fiscal Year)	
CHILDREN WAITING TO BE ADOPTED	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS' RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
AGE OF WAITING CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
RACE/ETHNICITY OF WAITING CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
E. Children Adopted	
AGE OF CHILDREN ADOPTED	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Adoption Database: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 5, Child's Date of Birth
RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN ADOPTED	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	AFCARS Annual Adoption Database: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 7, Race; Element 8, Hispanic Origin
Child Welfare Outcomes Data Items	Sources and Data Elements
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect	
1.1 RECURRENCE OF MALTREATMENT	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Detailed Case Data Component: Element 3, Report ID; Element 4, Child ID; Element 6, Report Date; Element 8, Report Disposition
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care	
2.1 MALTREATMENT IN FOSTER CARE	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau
	NCANDS Detailed Case Data Component: Element 3, Report ID; Element 4, Child ID; Elements 80, 93, and 106, Perpetrator Relationship.
	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

3.1 EXITS FROM FOSTER CARE	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.2 EXITS OF DISABLED CHILDREN	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 10, Child Diagnosed with Disabilities; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.3 EXITS OF CHILDREN AGE 12 OR OLDER AT ENTRY	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.4 EXITS TO EMANCIPATION	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.5 EXITS BY RACE/ETHNICITY	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry

4.1 TIME TO REUNIFICATION	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4.2 CHILDREN WHO ENTERED FOSTER CARE DURING FISCAL YEAR	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption

5.1 TIME TO ADOPTION	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
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6. Increase Placement Stability

6.1 NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS BY TIME IN CARE	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 24, Number of Previous Settings in Episode; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care
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7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

7.1 PLACEMENT SETTINGS OF CHILDREN AGE 12 OR YOUNGER WHO ENTERED CARE DURING FISCAL YEAR	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Placement Date in Current Setting; Element 41, Current Placement Setting
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Appendix J

NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING FOR 1999



A. Key Context Statistics

B. Child Maltreatment Data

State	A. Key Context Statistics				B. Child Maltreatment Data					
	Population	Race	Poverty	Metro Area	Investigated Reports	Maltreatment Victims	Fatalities	Age	Race	Maltreatment Type
Alabama	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alaska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arizona	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arkansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorado	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Connecticut	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District Of Columbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X	X	X	X						
Massachusetts	X	X	X	X						
Michigan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mississippi	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nevada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Hampshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oklahoma	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Puerto Rico										
Rhode Island	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Tennessee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X						
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	51	51	51	51	48	48	47	46	45	48

State	C. Children In Foster Care		D. Waiting Children			E. Children Adopted	
	Age	Race	TPR	Age	Race	Age	Race
Alabama	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alaska						X	X
Arizona	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arkansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorado	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Connecticut	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District Of Columbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Massachusetts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan						X	X
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mississippi	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nevada						X	X
New Hampshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oklahoma	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Puerto Rico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rhode Island	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennessee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	49	49	49	49	49	52	52

Outcome Measures

State	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.2	5.1	6.1	7.1
Alabama			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Alaska												
Arizona	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arkansas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorado			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Connecticut	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District Of Columbia			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Georgia			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maryland			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Massachusetts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan	X											
Minnesota			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mississippi			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nebraska	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nevada												
New Hampshire			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
North Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Dakota			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Oklahoma	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oregon			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Puerto Rico									X		X	X
Rhode Island	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Carolina			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Dakota			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennessee			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Texas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West Virginia	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wyoming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	29	21	48	46	48	48	48	48	49	46	47	49

Appendix K

CLARIFICATION NOTES



This appendix provides additional clarification of selected data items in this report. The following items are discussed: Child Maltreatment Victims; Child Fatalities; Race/Ethnicity; Foster Care Counts, Median Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care; Children Waiting to be Adopted; Children Adopted; Recurrence of Maltreatment; Group Homes and Institutions; and Child Welfare and the Juvenile Justice Population.

Child Maltreatment Victims

In the NCANDS, a victim is defined as a child who has been found by the child protective services agency to have been the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment. If a child is the subject of more than one substantiated or indicated report, he or she may be counted more than once as a victim.

A “substantiated report” is one in which the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported or founded according to State law or State policy. An “indicated report” is one in which there was reason to suspect maltreatment, but maltreatment was unable to be founded under State law or State policy.

The majority of States report to NCANDS using only the category of “substantiated.” Those States that use both categories, “substantiated” and “indicated,” may have higher rates of child maltreatment victims than those States that use only one category. The counts of victims are based on both substantiated and indicated findings in the following States: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Montana, South Dakota, and Washington. (See *Child Maltreatment 1999* on the Internet at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb> for additional information.)

Child Fatalities

The numbers of child fatalities reported by State child welfare agencies are based on information that is available to the State child protective services agency. These numbers are influenced by the specific State and local policies and protocols for investigating child deaths, including suspicious deaths, such as deaths due to drowning or car accidents, which could be either accidental or due to neglect.

Investigations of child deaths are conducted by local law enforcement agencies, coroner’s offices, fatality review boards, and courts. The State statistics on child fatalities due to maltreatment may undercount the actual number of such deaths if the results of these investigations are not provided to the State agency or if suspicious child deaths are not fully investigated.

Race/Ethnicity

Because the NCANDS Summary Data Component collects aggregate data, it has not always been possible to eliminate the duplicated counting of child victims as being of Hispanic ethnicity and of a certain race. Therefore, the total shown for the race/ethnicity of child victims in Context Data: Section B is greater than 100 percent for some States, indicating that Hispanic children are counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race. Case-level data from the AFCARS are used in reporting the race and ethnicity of children in foster care and who are adopted. A child’s race/ethnicity is counted as Hispanic if his/her Hispanic Origin is indicated to be “Yes,” regardless of race, including those children whose race has been identified in AFCARS as “Unable to Determine” or for whom the race datum is missing. A child is identified by his/her reported race if “Hispanic Origin” has been coded as “No” or “Unable to Determine,” or the Hispanic Origin datum is missing. A child’s race/ethnicity is identified as “Unknown,” in the following instances: (1) if a child’s race is indicated as “Unable to Determine” and Hispanic Origin is “No” or missing, (2) if a child’s race is missing and Hispanic Origin is “No” or “Unable to Determine”, or (3) if data on both race and Hispanic Origin are missing. The “Not Applicable” race category includes children for whom more than one race has been designated. The accommodation of reporting more than one race was not in place for fiscal year 1999. In legacy child welfare information systems, data may not be collected for each child on both Hispanic ethnicity and race and therefore the number of children reported as being of Hispanic ethnicity may be an undercount.

Foster Care Counts

In several States there are many more children in foster care on the last day of one fiscal year than on the first day of the next fiscal year. The difference may result from the State’s extraction process. AFCARS uses a computer-generated transaction date (Foster Care #57) for Date of Discharge (Foster Care #56) that occurs within the six-month report period. As a result, even if a child was discharged in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, the State will report that child’s record with the discharge date in the first 2000 AFCARS report, because the transaction date indicates that the discharge date was not entered into the system until after the FY 1999 period ended.

Unless the State’s AFCARS extraction process uses transaction dates, a child discharged from foster care late in one six-month period may never be reported to AFCARS

as discharged from care. When the State's AFCARS extraction process uses the computer-generated transaction date of all records with a discharge date, then the State's next AFCARS report will correctly report children discharged in earlier periods, even though these discharges were not entered into the system and reported before. It is important to note that there will always be a slight undercount of the number of children in care on the first day of the report year, because of the way the annual file is constructed from the six-month AFCARS submissions.

Median Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care

The median is the score of the middle case, when the scores for all cases are arranged in order. For example, if data on 125 children are ordered from the shortest length of stay to the longest length of stay, the length of stay of the 63rd child (the child in the middle of the distribution) is the median length of stay.

Children Waiting to be Adopted

The term "waiting children" is defined for analytical purposes as those children who have a case plan of adoption regardless of whether parents' rights have been terminated, and those children under 16 years of age whose parents' rights have been terminated, even if their case goal is "independent living" rather than adoption.

Children Adopted

Adoption is defined as the establishment of a legal relationship of parent and child between persons who are not so related by birth, with the same mutual rights and obligations that exist between children and their birth parents. The completion of the legal process marks the achievement of adoption. Because adoptions finalized in any fiscal year can be reported to AFCARS without penalties in any subsequent year, the data in this report may reflect some degree of undercount of the total number of children who were adopted during FYs 1998 and 1999.

The data submitted to AFCARS on adoption of children may include children who were adopted without the involvement of the State child welfare system. However, only children who have been designated to have had "state agency involvement" are reported as adopted children in the Context Data, Section E. Adoptions taking place with "state agency involvement" include adoptions of (1) children who were placed for adoption by the child welfare agency; (2) special needs children for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed and who were adopted in the

State, whether or not they were in the public foster care system prior to the adoption; and (3) children for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangements made by or through the State agency.

For some States, there are inconsistencies between the number of adoptions reported in Context Data, Section E and the numbers reported for outcome measure 5.1 that assess time to adoption. Most of these inconsistencies are due to fewer children being reported as exiting care to adoption on the AFCARS Foster Care Database than are reported as having finalized adoptions on the AFCARS Adoption Database. One possible reason for this disparity is that adoption is not being used consistently as a "discharge reason" on State reports to the AFCARS Foster Care Database. Some States in their comment letters suggested that this might be due to staff concerns about confidentiality when a child is discharged to adoption, or to the State's use of a "discharge code" that is not AFCARS compliant when an adoptive placement is made and the child is discharged from foster care. Another possible reason for the discrepancy is that this outcome refers only to those children who have been in foster care and have been adopted, while the context data refer to all children who were classified as having been adopted with "State agency involvement." However, an analysis conducted on these data indicated that private adoptions occurring with "state agency involvement" account for only a small percentage of the discrepancy.

The numbers of adoptions reported in Context Data: Section E may differ from those associated with the Adoption Incentive Program because adoptions reported for that program are identified through a different AFCARS data element and must qualify in other ways to be counted toward the award of incentive funds.

Group Homes and Institutions

For measure 7.1, which assesses placements of young children in group homes or institutions, the category of "group home" is defined as a licensed or approved home providing 24-hour care for children in a small group setting that generally has 7 to 12 children. (Some States may include settings with fewer than seven children as group homes.) "Institution" is defined as a child care facility operated by a public or private agency and providing 24-hour care and/or treatment for children who require being separated from their own homes and a group living experience. These facilities may include child-care

institutions, residential treatment facilities, maternity homes, long-term hospital care, and juvenile justice facilities. In some instances, children may live in a group home in a campus setting, classified as an institution. The category of “other settings” includes pre-adoptive homes, relative foster family homes, non-relative foster family homes, supervised independent living, and trial home visits.

Several States indicated in their comments that they use short-term emergency shelter placements for young children when there is concern for their safety. Because these shelters meet the AFCARS definitions for group home or institution based on the number of children that can be cared for in the shelter, the States code their emergency shelter placements as either group homes or institutions in their AFCARS files.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Population

Some States include children who are in the State’s juvenile justice system in their child welfare foster care populations. Some of these children were already in foster care when they became involved with the juvenile justice system. Other children became involved with the juvenile justice system and then were placed in an eligible title IV–E reimbursable foster care setting. Both of these groups of children are considered children in foster care for whom the State has placement, care, or supervision responsibility, and therefore are reported to AFCARS. The proportion of juvenile justice system children in individual State foster care populations varies extensively.

